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GOOD NEWS FROM ARKANSAS.

Another Battle and Another Victory.

Gen. Herron Attacked by the Enemy 24,000 Strong.

Desperate Fighting from 10 O'clock A. M. Until Dark.

General Herron Reinforced from General Blunt's Force.

The Enemy Routed with Heavy Losses.

Another Flight to the Boston Mountains.

HEADQUARTERS, NEAR FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Gen. Herron's forces, en route to reinforce Gen. Blunt, met the enemy yesterday on Crawford's Prairie, ten miles south of Fayetteville, Ark., and won a decisive victory.

The enemy were 24,000 strong, divided into four columns, under Gens. Parsons, Marmaduke, Frost and Rains, all under Gen. Hindman, and embraced the flower of the Trans-Mississippi army, well supplied with thirteen pieces of artillery. The enemy flanked Gen. Herron's positions at Cane Hill, and made a sudden attack on Gen. Herron, to prevent his junction with Gen. Blunt.

Gen. Herron's force consisted of the Ninety-fourth and Twenty-first Illinois, Nineteenth and Twentieth Iowa, Twenty-sixth Indiana, Twelfth Wisconsin, a battalion in view of cavalry, in all 6,000 or 7,000 men, and supported artillery.

The battle raged from 10 A. M. until dark, and was desperately fought throughout. Our artillery drove the rebels from two strong positions, and lost their advance guards numbers at bay. The Twentieth Wisconsin captured a rebel battery of four heavy guns, but failed to maintain them under a murderous fire. The Nineteenth Iowa also took the same battery and fought most desperately, but were also obliged to yield it. Almost every regiment distinguished itself.

About 6 o'clock, Gen. Blunt arrived from Cane Hill with two and a strong force of artillery, and attacked the rebels in the rear. The rebels made desperate efforts to retrieve his battalions, but were repulsed with terrible slaughter. We held the whole field at dark, and before 9 o'clock that night the enemy rebel force were in full retreat over Boston Mountains.

Our loss in killed and wounded was six hundred. The rebel loss was fifteen hundred, by their own admission. Several of the rebel field officers were killed, among them Col. Brown, commanding a brigade, formerly a brigadier in the Missouri State Guard. Only a few prisoners were taken. We captured some wounded with ammunition.

Adjt.-Gen. McCracken of the Nineteenth Iowa Regiment, was the only field officer on our side killed. Ralph Monroe, of the First Missouri Cavalry, was taken prisoner.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE FRONTIER

How the Army is Divided and Officered—Its Location—Doings in the First Division Under Gen. Blunt, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CAMP BLUNT, Ark., Tuesday, Dec. 2.

While the Western Army is preparing for the great struggle which will, perhaps, at last decide the destiny of our country, it is probable that the minute particulars of Eastern soldiers have quite escaped the Army of the Frontier. When we read descriptive sketches of our situation, and movements which sometimes appear in the papers of New-York and Philadelphia, we cannot but feel that we are unfortunately neglected for. It would be pleasant to think that we are remembered; that the brave men who are wearing out their energies, and their lives in upholding the cause of Freedom, are sometimes the object of good wishes and fervent prayers. But however distance and fugitives the work of chastisement guerillas may be, we feel that we are serving our country, and if we may but play some part in the great drama upon which the eyes of the whole world are fixed, we are content that that part should be an honorable one. Glory may be the motive which induces the soldier to undertake deeds. We are actuated by a nobler incentive, the love of our native land.

Since the temporary illness and permanent departure of Gen. Schofield, the Army of the Frontier has been entirely reorganized. It would be improper to give the number of our forces. But I cannot see any impropriety in mentioning that at present our army consists of three divisions. The First Division is commanded by Gen. Blunt, who is now the senior officer in the Southwest. He is a bold, dashing soldier, rough in his exterior, unpretending in his manners, but full of courage and fire. The Second Division is under the command of Gen. Herron, one of the youngest officers, if not the youngest, in the United States service. He is a man of less experience than Blunt or Totten, but in his native ability, and especially in his moral integrity, every one has full confidence. The Third Division is now without a separate commander. Gen. Totten, the distinguished artillerist, whose battery was so effectively employed at the battle of Wilson's Creek, was formerly assigned to the command of this Division; but in consequence of some personal difficulty between himself and Gen. Herron, he has gone to St. Louis, upon the ground that his presence is necessary as a witness in the interminable trial of McKinstry. Upon leaving his post he issued a farewell address to them, and the general impression is, that he will never return to Southwest Missouri.

In Gen. Blunt's Division there are three brigades. The First Brigade is led by Gen. Salomon, the Second by Col. Wyatt, and the Third by Col. McNeil.

In the Second Division there are two brigades. Col. Pleasonton is commander of the First, and Col. Geiger of the Second.

There are two brigades, also, in the Third Division. The first is under Col. Hesser, the second under Col. Dye.

Many of these officers served under Lyon in the first Southwestern campaign, and under Fremont in the second. Each brigade includes infantry, artillery and cavalry.

Besides the regiments included in the organization, a distinct force of Missouri militia, which may be regarded, if you choose, as a reserve, is commanded by Gen. Brown. Its special duty seems to be to act within the limits of the State, as a sort of military police. I am not certain whether it is regarded as part of the Army of the Frontier or not. This reserve is composed entirely of militia, of which there are a large number in Southwest Missouri. The militia are scattered all over the country. In every neighborhood there is a stockade and a breastwork, and a little garrison. The three organized divisions include no militia. Every Northwestern State, except Michigan and Minnesota, is represented in our army, and we have also several three years' regiments from Missouri and Arkansas.

This army, whose numbers, as you perceive, are by no means despicable, is still south of Springfield. There is no prospect that it will return to St. Louis, or be ordered elsewhere, during the present Winter. The rebels in Arkansas, whom Schofield drove to the Boston Mountains a few weeks ago, still fondly cherish the hope of penetrating into Southern Missouri before Spring, and if this army were withdrawn their hopes would easily be realized. Springfield is fortified, it is true, but the system of forts is not yet completed; and even a large garrison could not defend the town from an army of any size. If the town could even be held, the nature of the country is such that an army could pass Springfield on either side, without molestation from any petty garrison in the Springfield forts.

The Army of the Frontier, let me repeat, is south of Springfield. The Second Division is in camp, about twelve miles from the town, upon the Fayetteville Road, near the old Wilson Creek battle-ground. The Third Division is at McCullock's store, upon the same road, twelve miles farther down. The First Division, under Gen. Blunt, is at Cane Hill, in Arkansas. Cane Hill is upon the western border of the State, a few miles west of Fayetteville, and forty miles north of Van Buren and Fort Smith.

At this point, on Friday last, Gen. Blunt had a sharp battle with Gen. Marmaduke, of the Confederate army. It appears that Hindman and Marmaduke were about to join their forces, for another effort to penetrate into Missouri. Marmaduke was in the advance, and still separated from Hindman, when Blunt fell upon him at 10 o'clock in the morning, and after about three hours' fighting, the enemy began to give ground, though the fighting continued until dark. The loss in killed and wounded was not very heavy upon either side. We lost two officers, one of whom was a Lieutenant-Colonel. The rapidity of Blunt's movements prevented the execution of the rebel plans. They were provided with ten days' cooked rations, which they carried in their haversacks, evidently intending to make a determined march northward. Blunt's forced march of thirty-five miles was as unexpected, and for them as unfortunate circumstance; and this single battle may, perhaps, have been the salvation of Southern Missouri. It is probable that a bold push would now enable us to retake and hold Fort Smith.

Battles, however, are unusual events upon the border. The kind of service required of border soldiers is quite unique. They march and countermarch, sometimes in large bodies, sometimes in little squads. They chase the guerrillas, and when the guerrillas—who are not hampered with a load of blankets, haversacks, canteens, revolvers, carbines, and other paraphernalia—have succeeded in distancing them, our men trot leisurely back to camp, with a prisoner or two, and no men killed on either side. The next day it is *De Capo al Signo* again. For example, all the cavalry in the Second and Third Divisions have just returned from a trip to Yellville, Ark. They were out six days without tents. At night, they bivouacked in their blankets upon the bare ground. If it rained, they slept in mudpuddles, while the drops beat into upon their upturned faces. They chased a number of small bands of rebels, captured about eighty prisoners, and returned without having had a single skirmish. Whether this sort of work is remunerative or not, is a question for Uncle Samuel's own decision.

The result of all this exposure is a very large number of sick. There are at this moment more than a thousand sick soldiers in the Springfield hospitals, and five hundred more are on the way here from the South. They fill the public buildings. They swarm in private houses. New buildings are being prepared for their reception. One large tobacco factory has been refitted as a hospital. In one of the churches they lie upon the seats and upon the floor, without beds or bedding. The medical corps is very energetic and efficient. Yet, after all, many of them still lie in tents, and not less than eight or ten die every day. The Military Cemetery is filling up rapidly.

Nor are the soldiers the only sufferers. But I must speak of the prisoners and of the loyal refugees in another letter.

The result of the election in Missouri has surprised every one, and especially to this Congressional District. Col. Phelps, the faithful Representative, who has so long served his constituents and his country in the National Congress, and who has never before been defeated since his first election, is at last laid upon the shelf. Many causes conspired to bring about the result. First, Phelps was absent, and his friends felt so confident of his success that they simply let the election take care of itself, while his opponents were busily working against him. Many plain men felt that he could not be a Colonel and a Governor and a Congressman all at one time. Others urged that more than a year ago, in Springfield, at a disloyal demonstration, at which a regiment of self-appointed Union volunteers, organized for the occasion, was present, Col. Phelps was too complaisant, and permitted the Secessionists to hoist a mongrel banner upon the public square, which was half rebel and half the flag of the State. Moreover Col. Boyd, his antagonist, was an avowed Emancipationist, while Col. Phelps ran upon the simple platform, "The Union, the Constitution, and the Enforcement of the Laws," and declined to express his sentiments upon the question of African Slavery. The vote polled was certainly small. The entire vote did not equal a single majority once claimed by the now defeated candidate. But there has undoubtedly been a great revolution in the public sentiment of Southwestern Missouri upon the subject of emancipation. Upon this subject, Col. Phelps has not publicly expressed himself, and it would not be surprising if he should yet become an open advocate of that policy. With regard to his perfect loyalty, I have not heard any one breathe a doubt. He proved that at the battle of Pea Ridge, where his bravery and devotion were conspicuous. His old associates in Congress and the country at large will certainly miss his voice and his influence in the Halls of our National Legislature. RICKAPOO.

The Connecticut Legislature.

NEW-HAVEN, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The State Legislature convened in extra session in this city to-day.

The two Houses met in joint convention at 11½ o'clock, when Gov. Buckingham delivered his message, relating chiefly to the military affairs of the State.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Depredations of the Rebel Cavalry Under White.

A Number of Sutlers Reported Captured.

THE WEATHER MODERATED.

HEADQUARTERS, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The weather is milder and the snow has melted considerably.

An officer who came through from Alexandria by land, with a strong escort, was told at Dumfries, that sixteen sutlers, with their wagons, were captured by Wade's rebel cavalry last week, and the owners made to drive their own teams to some rebel stations in the interior. White was represented as having a large regiment of cavalry. It has, for several days, been considered unsafe to pass beyond Dumfries without a strong escort.

A special Court-martial met to-day, to try John W. Irvine on the charge of being a spy, he having been captured within our lines. The accused was a private in the Ninth Virginia Cavalry, and was captured near his father's house, in the vicinity of Hartwood Court-House. It is understood that the Court have agreed upon a finding, the result of which is not known.

The following General Order has just been published:

No person will be allowed to cross the lines in the direction of the enemy without a pass from these headquarters. (Signed)

LEWIS RICHMOND, A. A. G.

GEN. HOOKER'S GRAND DIVISION.

The Situation—Review of Gen. Sickles' Division—The Advent of Bad Weather—Experiences of Camp Life—The Paymaster Wanted—Clothing Issued, &c.

CENTRE GRAND DIVISION, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Thursday, Dec. 4, 1862.

Nothing of importance transpired in the army since the date of my last letter. The enemy's pickets continue to pass the opposite bank of the Rappahannock, and our own hold undisputed possession of the eastern bank. The guns of the contending parties, planted on either side of the stream, with muzzles directed toward each other, are ready at a moment's notice to open either an aggressive or retaliatory fire. For how long a period affairs with this confines it is difficult to determine. The indications of a change of position which were so apparent yesterday are not so prominent to-day, but notwithstanding that fact, the succeeding twenty-four hours may bring about important results.

A grand review of Sickles' Division—formerly Hooker's—took place to-day. The troops retain the same spirit and aim that characterized them when under the immediate control of their late commander. They were reviewed by Gen. Hooker in person. It will be remembered that this is the same division that so bravely followed the gallant Hooker through the Peninsular campaign, and subsequently the campaign in front of Washington. Twenty Generals, besides numerous officers of less rank, were upon the field to-day as spectators. At 12 o'clock Gen. Hooker, accompanied by his Staff, rode upon the ground. It was a great effort for the men to restrain themselves from shouting at their old leader passed them to greet the Division General. But when he proceeded down the lines every regiment hailed him with the wildest demonstrations of delight. Not content with cheering, the men tossed their hats, threw up their hands, and almost rushed forward from the ranks to approach nearer the person of the General. All who witnessed the review concur in the opinion that it was one of the most attractive and exciting that had yet taken place of the army. It is needless to add that Gen. Sickles has completely won the esteem and affection of his command, not a man of whom is unwilling to follow him in any battle, no matter how fiercely and desperately waged.

CENTRE GRAND DIVISION, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Friday, Dec. 5, 1862.

A slow, drizzling, cadaverous rain commenced falling this morning, and if we credit the sayings of the citizens of this locality, days, perhaps weeks, will have expired ere we are again cheered with the genial rays of a bright and glowing sun. The prediction which has been so often repeated within my hearing since the arrival of the army of its present position, that the unfavorable season for military operations was rapidly approaching, has at last been verified. Here remains, or, perhaps there truly, lies the remains, on the eastern bank of the Rappahannock, of a portion of that proud army which, little more than a year ago, moved with unrivaled buoyancy and splendor from the very base of our Capital, to meet, engage and destroy the hordes of desperate traitors who so defiantly threatened, and who now threaten, the permanency of our Government and the extinction of its laws. Cold, rain, snow, swollen streams, impassable roads, and all the obstacles that can be produced by opposing elements are, or soon will be, before us. Men lying upon the frosty ground with but a single blanket for covering, subsisting upon scanty rations, weak, exhausted, sick from exposure and exposure, are diligently urged by an impatient populace to advance upon the defenses and occupy the City of Richmond. Two months ago a forward movement was easy and practicable; but now, no matter how reluctantly we acknowledge the fact, to perform the same task, and expect to meet the success which at that time might have been reasonably looked for, would be indulging in theories which partake more of fancy than substance. It is by no means a difficult matter for the inexperienced, while grouped around a blazing hearth, having at their command the comforts and delicacies which home and means alone can furnish, to cavil at the seemingly tardiness progress of the war. It is also a simple process to trace lines of march upon the smooth surface of paper, and if the angles and semi-circles are geometrically described, they will doubtless please and amuse the spectator. No one will assert that the law prohibits a person from erecting visionary batteries, mounting them with powerful guns, pouring imaginary volleys of canister and grape into the enemy's ranks, and valiantly marching—aye, leaping over seeming parapets of human slain and wounded, not halting until the infamous centre of rebeldom shall be reached and demolished. But reverse the picture and consider calmly and candidly the state of affairs as they truly exist. Instead of a substantial roof for shelter, a little contemptible strip of canvass is the soldier's apology for a branch. With now and then an exception, the nearest approach to luxury is a meal of salt pork and unleavened biscuit forced down the palate by the aid of rancid coffee without a particle of milk. He, however, has had experience of camp life and can exercise judgment to some extent as to what might and might not be feasibly accomplished. He will tell you that in all probability the present campaign must cease after the expiration of a few days; Winter, in the State of Virginia, is not the season to execute plans of battles. Viewing the reckless decisions of the men at home, and the common sense opinion of the soldiery in the field, it is natural to suppose that the latter will find more supporters than the former. The labor employed in drawing up a plan of an actual battle or campaign cannot, of course, be appreciated by the self-conceited individual who obstinately refuses to admit that his own ideas, conceived at a safe distance from the scene of action, are inferior to those of the Generals upon whom the entire responsibility of their acts depends. As a general thing it will follow that persons will quite as often attend the methods proposed, by those who are to adopt them, as of those who simply wish a certain object to be effected without seriously reflecting upon the required means. As the community will doubtless bestow the merit upon the party who speedily crushes the rebellion and restores peace, an excellent opportunity is afforded men of sanguinary temperaments, who flatter themselves with the belief that they are possessed of the identical seven-league boots which so admirably served the purpose of Jack the giant-killer, of entering the service and at once using their imagined gifts to great advantage.

It is a mistake to suppose that the army, with its long trains of supply-wagons and artillery, can, under existing circumstances, move with that celerity and precision which it might have done if the inclement season had not already commenced. The people must patiently and perseveringly await the order of events, cherishing the hope that success will ultimately perch upon the banners of the brave and loyal Union army.

The most acceptable percentage that could appear among the troops would be the Paymaster. To him would be extended a hearty welcome. He has but to show himself and his treasure to create a thrill of joy that would impress him with its exquisiness so long as he held in remembrance the indentive weight of justice. Why is it that regiment after regiment should be compelled to wait a term of five and six months before they receive the small pittance allotted them? The immediate wants of the men, and the destitute condition of the families of many of them at home, ought certainly to influence the proper authorities in their behalf.

The strange statement, which has recently been the rounds of the Press, concerning Col. T. B. W. Stockton, Acting Brigadier-General of the Third Brigade, Griffin's Division, to the effect that he had been dismissed in disgrace from the service on account of alleged misconduct while in the performance of his duty, is without the least shadow of a foundation. The details from beginning to end are a mass of baseless fabrications fabricated by some malicious or jealous person who probably sought his own elevation by robbing the Colonel of his justly-earned reputation. Col. Stockton entered the service at the head of the Sixteenth Michigan Regiment, and has proven upon more than one occasion his excellency and efficiency as an officer and a soldier. Since assuming command of the Third Brigade he has evidenced high additional qualities.

To-morrow has been set apart for the review, by Gen. Burnside, of the Fifth Army Corps, commanded by Gen. Daniel Butterfield. At the present writing the weather presents an inauspicious appearance for a clear sky, but we are in hopes the storm will abate sufficiently by to-morrow to enable the ceremony to be carried out.

CENTRE GRAND DIVISION, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Saturday, Dec. 6, 1862.

Whether or not we have fully persuaded ourselves that the army is about to settle down into Winter quarters, the enemy has interpreted the existing inaction to mean a three months' surcease of hostilities, and with characteristic impudence has painted upon pieces of board the words, "Winter quarters," and exposed them upon his bank of the river so they may be conspicuous to our pickets. The rebel pickets take great pleasure in directing the attention of our men to the significant letters, and they may sometimes be seen pointing with one hand to the board, while with the other they perform a tantalizing schoolboy gyration. In retaliation our soldiers point in the direction of Maryland, then rapidly twirl one hand over the other, thus signifying the hasty departure of the rebels from that coveted soil.

The review of the Fifth Army Corps, which it was expected would take place to-day, has been postponed in consequence of the inclement state of the weather. With commendable zeal the Third Brigade of Griffin's Division formed in line for the purpose of marching to the field, when the order countermanding the review was received.

For the past day or two the regimental Quartermasters have been engaged in issuing overcoats and blankets to the troops. Several thousand horses and mules have recently been distributed among the various divisions to supply the deficiency occasioned by hard marches and the bad weather. Since the commencement of Winter the animals have suffered severely from the wet and cold. A large majority of them are without any shelter, not even having the covering of a blanket. Much difficulty has been experienced of late in getting a sufficient quantity of hay on account of the limited means of transportation by rail, and the excessively bad condition of the wagon-roads. WHIT.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. —, VIA FORT MONROE, Monday, Dec. 8.

Great dissatisfaction exists in the interior, and the impression prevails there that a signal victory, under Gen. Burnside, will be followed by the immediate and entire abandonment of the Border States, including North Carolina and Tennessee.

The *Progress* of the 29th ult. has the following:

"The Savannah *Republican* makes a piteous complaint over the rebel losses in the recent battles. It says the total loss amounts to 75,000 men. It says the people of Charleston have pulled up their lead pipes and contributed 40,000 pounds to the Government, and that the rebel Government will issue receipts for all lead, pipes and other fixtures, and binds itself to replace them at the end of the war."

Fires at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

GOOD'S oil refinery was destroyed by fire last night. The fire was caused by the explosion of a still. Two men were injured. The buildings in the vicinity were damaged by the shock. Loss about $4,000. No insurance.

S. P. WARNER's tobacco factory was also destroyed by fire last night. Loss, $20,000. Insurance, $12,000.

The Propeller Charles Osgood Disabled.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The propeller *Charles Osgood*, with Companies E and K, Forty-second Massachusetts, put in for new sails, having lost two during the gales since leaving New-York. All well on board.

Municipal Election.

MACHIAS PORT, N. H., Tuesday, Dec. 9.

THEODORE T. ASBOTT, Republican, was elected Mayor of this city to-day.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Rapid Movements of the National Forces Under Gen. Grant.

A Skirmish Near Oxford on Thursday Morning.

An Engagement Near Coffeeville, Forty Miles Below, on Friday Night.

Our Loss 5 Killed, 50 Wounded, and 60 Missing—The Rebel Loss 300.

CAIRO, Ill., Monday, Dec. 8.

Oxford, Mississippi, news to Thursday last, states that the rear-guard of the rebels under the command of Gen. Jackson, had a skirmish on that morning with the National advance force near the town.

The main body of the rebel army, forty thousand strong, passed through Oxford twelve hours before.

The number of the rebel sick and wounded is said to be very large.

CINCINNATI, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

A special dispatch, dated the 7th inst. from Oxford, Miss., says that Col. Dunlap's Cavalry had a two-hours' engagement with the rebels, near Coffeeville, on Friday night.

The rebels are said to have had 5,000 infantry, cavalry and artillery.

The National loss was five killed, fifty wounded and sixty missing.

The rebel loss was 300 killed and wounded.

THE DISGRACE AT HARTSVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Monday, Dec. 8, 12 O'clock, Midnight.

A telegram just received from Nashville confirms the capture of the One Hundred and Fourth Illinois Regiment, the One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Eighth Ohio Regiments, Nesbitt's Battery, and a detachment of the Second Indiana Cavalry, all under the command of Col. Moore, on Sunday morning, after an hour's fight, at Hartsville, Tenn., by the guerrillas under John Morgan.

The number of Morgan's force is not stated.

There are no further particulars.

LATEST REPORTS FROM LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Three thousand rebel cavalry, supposed to be under Forrest, intending to make another raid into Kentucky, or a dash on Fort Donelson, were at Clarksville to-day.

Passengers from Gallatin contradict the story of the engagement there, between Fry and the rebels. They say no recent fight has occurred there.

THE SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, Dec. 8.

We have full confirmation this morning of the evacuation of Grenada, Miss., by the rebels. A private dispatch from one of our correspondents states that Gen. Grant's army had concentrated at that place. The expedition from Helena commanded by Gens. Hovey and C. C. Washburn, had succeeded in cutting the Mississippi Central Railroad south of Grenada, and subsequently advanced upon and took possession of the latter place. The rebels, unable to move the rolling stock, destroyed the cars and locomotives. There are no positive advices as to the position of the rebels, but we are left to infer that they retreated to Columbus, Miss., southeast from Grenada, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. From this point they still have railroad communication, via Meridian and Jackson, with Vicksburgh; or they can get around to East Tennessee and join Bragg. It has been intimated heretofore that the rebel armies, if they should find themselves unable to operate separately, with the prospect of success, would abandon either the Mississippi line or East Tennessee, and unite against Rosecrans and Grant. Their failure to offer resistance to Grant so far would indicate that there has been no junction in Mississippi, as it would also that Pemberton is not strong enough to meet Grant. However, it is impossible to tell, from the course that has been adopted by the enemy, what the rebel plan is. If Pemberton has gone to Columbus, Grant must follow him; for a rebel army cannot be allowed to remain there, with our army even at Grenada. From Columbus they could, if not pressed, easily pounce upon Corinth. Gen. Grant, in order to protect his communications, must, as he moves south, drive the rebels before him. The situation in Mississippi is getting more and more interesting. The gunboat fleet will now soon be heard from. The boats are in motion, and many days will not elapse before the strength of Vicksburgh is tried once more.

FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

No Military News—The Emancipation Proclamation—The Preliminaries for the Congressional Election—A New-England Celebration of Thanksgiving, &c.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Nov. 28, 1862.

Nothing of particular interest has occurred in this department since my last, so far as military matters are concerned, even rumors of invasion by the Confederates have ceased. The opening up of the Lafourche country has filled our levees with sugar, and already a large crop of sugar has enriched our commerce. It is a melancholy fact, however, that the demands for insurance, owing to the depredations of the *Alabama*, has put up insurance so high that there seems to be but little chance for the trader to make any living profit. Is it not a fearful thing that a single English vessel, commanded by a pirate, can effect the entire commercial interests of this vast country. Was there ever before such an example of national inefficiency?

The Secesh here insist upon it that the President will back out from his emancipation proclamation; if such should be the case I do not see how the cause of the Union can ever recover from such a sad event. Any hesitation now, and everything, in my opinion, is lost. I see nothing in the late Presidential elections but the usual reactory effect that follows every exciting Presidential contest; the natural effect has no doubt been exaggerated by certain acts of the officials in power, but I believe that there is no case where the elections following a Presidential contest have not gone against the party in power in Washington. As the result forces on Mr. Lincoln to a more vigorous prosecution of the war, he has nothing to fear from the past; the people want the war ended in the shortest possible time, and that policy and that sort of action will carry the indorsement of the people.

We are just at this time excited by the preliminaries of a Congressional election. I am sorry to say that the Unionism of many voters is of the most fishy kind. It is very apparent that the "fleshpots of Egypt" are not forgotten, and that the contraction of the Union means nothing short than entire possession of the sugarcane. This party has nominated for their candidate a gentleman who was previously a member of the Convention that voted Louisiana out of the Union against the wishes of the people, out of the Union, I understand, however, that he claims that he was not in Congress, even if elected, as he will endeavor to obtain a seat could not be taken by him. Nevertheless, he has the impudence enough to run, and people enough, claiming to be loyal, who will vote for him if he will give them a chance. Hon. E. H. Durell, President of the Finance Bureau, and R. T. Hamilton, Esq., present City Treasurer, are the regular candidates of the Union Conservatives, and it is probable that they will be elected. These gentlemen are unexceptionable in their politics, and will be entitled to give nothing else than an unqualified support to every measure that will vigorously prosecute the war to put down the rebellion.

Thursday, the 27th, was celebrated here for many New-Englanders, as Thanksgiving day. Very many families indulged in the luxury of going through the celebration with such viands as our rather slender market affords, but the good-nature and jollity of the people entertained, made up for what was lacking in the way of fat turkeys and mince pies. Of course the Sons of Massachusetts were the most enthusiastic, and the Thirteenth Massachusetts, stationed at the barracks below the city, did most to honor the old times custom.

COLORS RESTORED.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 28, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 96.—The Colors of the Second, upon the finding of the Board of Inquiry upon the conduct of the Seventh Regiment Vermont Volunteers, at the battle of Baton Rouge, showed that he was led into a mistake by the officer commanding that action as to the loss by that regiment of its colors; it having to have been the same color that fell into enemy, and not the regimental color, that was brought off the field by the Massachusetts Battery.

He, therefore, has ordered that the Second Regiment retain its colors, and he has no hesitation in doubting that it will, in its next action, regain for itself a position and a name, which will be a credit to its State and country.

By command of Maj.-Gen. BUTLER:

GEO. C. STRONG, A. A. General and Chief of Staff.

FEEDING THE POOR.

The following provisions were distributed by the United States Relief Commission during the week ending Nov. 15, inclusive:

	lbs.	Value.
Pork	115	$[illegible]
Beef	340	[illegible]
Hard bread	67	[illegible]
Loaves of bread	—	[illegible]
Total		[illegible]

The number of families receiving aid is [illegible]

Families of Federal soldiers	1,[illegible]	
Destitute and friendless	7,[illegible]	[illegible]
Families of Confederate soldiers	[illegible]	
Number of persons [illegible]	[illegible]	
Total number of families who have received aid	[illegible]	

NATIVITY—American, 1,[illegible]; Irish, 4,[illegible]; Germans, 2,[illegible]; English, 5[illegible]; Scotch, 84; French, [illegible]; Spanish, 204; Italian, 78; Portuguese, 3[illegible]; Danes, [illegible]; Norwegian, 26; Swiss, [illegible]; Mexicans, [illegible]; Indians, 10; Greek, 9; Colored, 1,[illegible]. Total [illegible]; Russian, 12,[illegible].

N. B.—It will be observed that [illegible] number of families that have been [illegible] British born, making an aggregate [illegible]. Of course, we more than [illegible] Ought not the London Times [illegible] feeding British poor?

BENJAMIN F. FLANDERS, President.
JAMES A. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

The Navy.

LAUNCH OF A STEAM CORVETTE.

The new regular navy-built steam corvette *Shenandoah* was launched successfully on Saturday at the Philadelphia Navy-yard. Miss Fanny, daughter of the yard plumber, christened her. The *Shenandoah* belongs to a class of steam corvettes which have been called "half sloops and half frigates." They have been contemplated with another class, a little smaller, but very like them. The latter "sister ships" of the *Shenandoah* are about, and thus estimated:

Vessels.	Tonnage.	Where.
Sacramento	About and Rating out	Portsmouth, N. H.
Monongahela	About and Rating out	Philadelphia.
Canandaigua	At sea.	Blockade.

The *Juniata* sails with the *Susquehanna*, and is about as much smaller than the above three, as the *Lackawanna* and *Tuscarora* are larger. The *Susquehanna* is 1,320 tons burthen, the *Juniata* is 1,000 and the *Lackawanna* is 1,058. There is just nearly difference enough to justify a distinction between the three classes. There is another, the *Kearsarge* and *Kearsarge* class very like the *Juniata*.

The dimensions of the *Shenandoah* are as follows: Length, between perpendiculars, 205 feet; extreme breadth of the beam is 38 feet 6 inches; depth of hold, 17½ feet; extreme length over all, 226 feet 6 inches; the diameter of the screw propeller is 16 feet, and it will have four blades.

The *Shenandoah* will carry no barquet. She is almost a *fac simile* of the gunboat *Monongahela*, only somewhat sharper. She will draw about fourteen feet at the extremity of the load line. She will also be able to travel, at sea, at the rate of fourteen knots an hour, and presents all the elements of a fast and thorough sea-going vessel. Her sharp and strong lines were arranged by the Constructor of the Navy, Mr. Hunter Hoover. It is the intention to use steam as her earnest power, while sails will be used as an auxiliary. The engines were designed by Isaac Newton. They will be of the same class as those of the gunboat *Monongahela*, formerly of the *Adirondack*. The *Shenandoah* will carry nine guns. Three will be pivot guns, capable of being used on either side of the vessel, and fired in any direction. They will be one 11-inch Dahlgren gun, and two 100-pounder rifled Parrott guns. Her side battery will be effective.

THE BROOKLYN NAVY-YARD—THE "WHAT IS IT" TO BE ARMED IMMEDIATELY.

The queer nondescript, which was commenced last Summer at the navy-yard, and left in such an unfinished state since, is to be finished at once and launched. Yesterday the employes and a few privileged visitors were thrown into excitement by the appearance in the yard of a weapon as elegant as the presidential [illegible]. It is a gun of the strongest aspect imaginable, and evidently capable of discharging 50 pounds of shot. It is made of brass or composition, and its breech and muzzle rest on a frame or pedestal of the same material as the gun. There are none of the ordinary appliances for firing a cannon attached to it. And the breech-arm is to be the battery of the *What Is It*, which is to be launched in a few days. The *What Is It* is a huge box, near fifteen high and twelve feet wide, on three wheels. It is caulked so as to be almost air-tight, and has an internal diameter of about twenty-four feet, and looks very like a tunnel inside. The gun will be within, and although in frame, with proper grade through the portholes, a great [illegible] covers its muzzle. That is all that can be learned of the *What Is It*, which may be a submarine affair, with an air gun, or a Dahlgren Infernal, or [illegible] the outside public know.

REPORT OF MEN-OF-WAR IN THE BERKSHIRE.

Subjoined is yesterday's report of men-of-war at the yard. It embraces all particulars:

Vessels.	Rate.	Condition.
Shepherd Knapp	Purchased transport	About to load.
Conestoga	Transport	Waiting orders.
Connecticut	Steam frigate	Nearly fit for sea.
Monticello	Steam gunboat	Waiting orders.
Niagara	Steam frigate	Nearly fit for sea.
Lackawanna (new)	Steam frigate	Nearly fit for sea.
Susquehanna (new)	Steam frigate	Nearly fit for sea.
Iroquois	Steam gunboat	Fitting out.
Mahaska	Transport	Fitting out.
Seminole	Steam gunboat	Almost completed.
Savannah	Corvette	Nearly fit for sea.
Vixen	Steamer	Waiting orders.
Wyoming	Steam gunboat	Undergoing repairs.
Columbia	Steam transport	Repairing.
North Carolina	Line-of-battle ship	Guards.

The iron-clad Monitor class, the steamers *Mauna Kea* and *Shawsheen* and *Machigonne* are on the stocks, building.

ANOTHER BREAK DOWN.

The *Juniata* has met the fate which befell the *Susquehanna* and *Tuscarora* when leaving their native City of Philadelphia for the first time. Her machinery, which was to be ready last February, has broken down, and cannot be repaired for some days. The heating, consisting of the after engine gave way, and the blackness went with another whole.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LAKES.

The Improvement of the Mississippi and Lake Michigan Canal—Improvements Proposed by Col. Webster to the War Department.

To the Honorable Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

JANESVILLE, WIS., Nov. 10, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in compliance with the request of the President of the United States, and under leave granted by the War Department for that purpose, I have made such inquiries and examinations as my time permitted, into the practicability, cost and military and commercial advantages of opening a ship canal between the Lakes, by improving the navigable channel of Illinois River, and enlarging the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Knowing that the subject had been previously discussed in able and eloquent speeches and reports, and that plans and estimates had been submitted to Congress, I thought it best, in the first place, to examine the estimates, and ascertain upon what evidence they were found.

The authors of these plans and estimates, Messrs. WILLIAM GOODRICH and JOHN B. FARNUM, were respectively the Secretary and Engineer of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and in the office of the latter, at Lockport, Ill., I found the data which they had used as a foundation of which, with the aid of their assistants, they had built their fabrics and estimates. Satisfied was that, for the purposes of this report, no further surveys were necessary.

The work naturally divides itself into three divisions, and taking the order in which they were made, the first of these divisions is the section from the mouth of the canal at Lockport to La Salle, the terminus of the present canal.

The survey of this portion was made by competent engineers, under instructions from the above named gentlemen, and by authority of the State of Illinois. The maps and profiles have every mark of care and skill, and the surveys were made under circumstances to secure the best results. This survey is the foundation of all subsequent estimates for the improvement of the Illinois River, and (what obviously the proper course was) it was made by men and locks. The whole fall is one hundred and twenty miles, and the lift a little less than twenty-eight feet, or an average of one and a half inches per mile. Seven dams and locks are proposed. Fewer than these would not make it answer the purpose, but by these the water can be raised throughout the entire distance to the required height, affording a channel capable of passing steamboats and vessels drawing six feet, without overflowing any valuable lands. Greater strength and security can also be more readily given to the dams, as they will be of less height than would be necessary with a smaller number. The effect upon the river will be to keep its bed always covered for its full width, instead of being, as now, alternately covered and exposed; while the occasional overflowing of the contiguous lowlands will hardly be increased to a perceptible degree. It is not anticipated that this state of things will be injurious to the health of the adjacent country. On the contrary, it is thought that the constant fullness of the bed of the river will be beneficial in that respect, and those fears which have been entertained in some quarters of the injurious will not be realized.

The survey of the divisions in the ascending order, is the part of the Illinois River between La Salle and Lockport.

This last has not been surveyed with reference to a ship canal. The general character and capacity of the river, however, well known. The canal now given by the present canal, which runs nearly parallel with and not far from the river. So that we have data sufficiently full and accurate for carrying at a very close approximation to the cost of the improvement. A survey will be necessary to determine the locations of the dams and locks, and the precise quantities of masonry. But this cannot materially vary the aggregate of the calculations already made.

We come now to the third division, extending from Lockport to Chicago. Here it is proposed to make use of the present canal, enlarging it to the dimensions of a ship and steamboat canal, one hundred and sixty feet wide and seven feet deep. The original surveys for the existing canal, appear to have been made with minuteness and accuracy, and are yet available for estimates of the cost of the proposed enlargement. There are, then, only two points upon which there may be some liability to error.

Most of the material excavated from the present canal yet remains on its banks. Of course, that lying on the side toward which the enlargement is to be made, must be removed. It has been assumed in estimating that this material was deposited one-half on each side. This may prove not strictly true.

Again, the estimates of the different kinds of masonry to be excavated for the enlargement are not known with absolute exactness. But the assumptions in this particular are based upon careful notes, taken during the progress of the work on the present canal, and the particular observations of one of the gentlemen named above, and are probably very near the truth.

It is also not determined what quantity of earthy sediment may have settled in that portion of the canal which was originally executed upon the "clear-cut" plan. Whatever it may be, it is of a character to be readily and cheaply removed by the improved machinery now in use for such purposes.

These qualifications of the exact correctness of the estimates are not, in my view, of much importance, but I thought it better to mention them, in order to make as plain an exhibit as possible of the data upon which they are based.

I have assumed, that, in the main, these estimates are reliable, much beyond what is usual in similar cases. Care has been taken in regard to the points on which there may be some doubt, to err, if at all, on the safe side. Messrs. Goodrich and Farnum have been for years deeply interested in this subject, and have studied it carefully. They have all the advantages of a minute acquaintance with the localities in question, and great experience in construction on the very ground. They are well known as engineers of distinguished skill and ability, while their character for integrity puts them above the suspicion of willingly misrepresenting in any particular.

Having, then, these plans and estimates, I am well satisfied that we have before us the means of forming a correct judgment of the "practicability and cost" of the proposed work.

I have carefully gone over the estimate submitted to Congress by the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives in their report of the 20th of February last. I am fully of opinion that the plan is judicious and the estimates reliable. Perhaps some addition ought to be made on account of the high prices of labor and materials, likely to rule for some time to come, above those on which the estimates were made bearing date of the last year.

The estimate of thirteen millions three hundred and sixty-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars ($13,366,824,) may be fairly regarded as the pecuniary measure of the practicability of the work, executed on the plan of cutting down the summit level of the canal, so as to draw the needed supply of water directly from Lake Michigan, and maintaining a uniform width of 160 feet.

Some other plans have been proposed and estimated for. The first is to make the canal 100 feet wide, with recesses on each mile 160 feet wide, to admit the passing of boats. The estimate for this is seven millions five hundred thousand dollars, ($11,746,000.) The other plan is to make the canal 160 feet wide, but to omit cutting down the summit, and to supply the water from the Calumet, Des Moines and Du Page Rivers, any deficiency (which is almost sure to exist some portion of every season) to be supplied, by pumping engines and wheels, from Lake Michigan. For this the estimate is nine millions two hundred and sixty-two thousand four hundred and forty-four dollars ($9,262,444.) The differences of cost in these plans arise from the different modes proposed of constructing the enlarged canal, the river improvement remaining the same in all.

The saving effected by adopting any other plan than that of cutting down the summit to the whole width proposed, seems so unimportant compared to the magnitude and importance of the work, and the mode on the most liberal scale proposed as much superior on all accounts, that I omit the detailed estimates for the others. I earnestly hope that if the Government should determine to execute as soon to aid the work, the largest scale proposed may be sanctioned. Anything less therefore would mar the fair proportions which should throughout characterize an undertaking of this magnitude.

Pumping to supply the summit level would be expedient, subject to the contingencies and liability to derangement of the machinery by which it is effected—while to your direct inquiry this great channel the connecting waters of the Lakes, will make a vital union, instead of an uncertain artificial connection between the two great systems of internal navigation.

The great military advantages, not to say absolute necessity, of a communication between the Mississippi and the Lakes will appear from a very cursory consideration of the subject. A foreign Power holds in its grasp means of access for a fleet of light draft gunboats to the Lakes. We have but one small armed vessel, and the Detroit River and Straits of Mackinaw are almost entirely undefended by fortifications. Who can compute the amount of disaster and injury which might say fly behind our lake commerce and cities in case of war with that Power? How many months of time, and how many millions of dollars would it require to build and equip a fleet suitable to the emergency? And where, on the Lakes, are the shipyards sufficiently defended in which to build our fleet? It is painful to think how vulnerable we are in this direction. Our weakness and danger are obvious to the dullest apprehension.

How different would be the state of the case if we could at once transfer our fleet of gunboats, now doing such good service on the Ocean and the Gulf, to the Lakes. We might then, in comparative safety and freedom from anxiety, set about those further works of defense which the lake region so much needs. Now, we are almost defenceless. Then, we could defend our harbors and cities, or, taking the offensive, threaten those of the enemy, or fight him on fair terms.

For the accomplishment of these desirable ends our fleet of river gunboats, now in use, is entirely unsuited, as they could not live an hour in rough weather on the Lakes. Can, then, vessels be built which can pass through the proposed canal, and yet be capable of doing good service on the Lakes? Upon the answer to this question, of course, will depend the utility of the proposed work in regard to the defense of the Lakes.

Not only can vessels be built which will answer these conditions, but a fleet of them already exists. Acting Rear-Admiral D. D. Porter, commanding Mississippi Squadron, in answer to my inquiries on this subject says that "a canal and locks of the dimensions contemplated will pass nearly every large, light draft gunboat we have in the navy, or that would be built for lake or sea service. Any vessel drawing eight feet can be lightened to six and a half feet by taking out her battery, coal and stores." He then names several boats of both the river and sea-going classes which could pass through the canal, adding "and some fifty vessels of their class." This, I take it, is satisfactory on this point, about which some good friends of the project had entertained doubts.

It may be observed also in reference to the present river gunboats, that although they are unable to encounter successfully the waves of the great Lakes, it will yet be very useful to be able to take them, for repairs, up to the work-shops at Chicago and other towns along the lines.

It is difficult to imagine a stronger case of military utility, not to say necessity, than is presented in this relation of the proposed communication to the defence of the lakes. Argument can hardly add to the force of the simple statement of the facts.

Not only would any fleet of gunboats when built be doubled in value, but the vast resources of the lake country, in oak and pine timber and iron, be available for further increasing the number. Besides the lessons which the ship-builders of the lakes have learned under their the necessity of adapting their vessels to the comparatively shallow harbors of those waters, and uniting carrying capacity with light draft, will be found of service in this connection. Their skill, when called into exercise by the Government, will combine the timber of the shores of the Lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie, and the tough iron of Lake Superior, into vessels able to carry the flag of the nation with honor to the torrid regions of the Gulf.

Look a moment, also, at the great facilities which this route will offer for the transportation of troops, supplies and munitions of war when needed. The saving of water over railroad transportation, and of large boats over small ones, is well known. It has been often exhibited, in the most striking manner during the present war.

A few words seem to be demanded on the more general view of the subject—its bearings upon the commercial, manufacturing and agricultural industry of the country. The subject is so vast that I almost hesitate to say anything about it in the hasty way in which other pressing duties will oblige me to do.

The great lakes and the Mississippi River are among the grandest features of the geography of the globe. Their names are at once suggestive of commercial and agricultural wealth and national greatness. No such systems of internal navigation exist elsewhere in the world. The most careful and accurate statements of their present uses for commercial purposes are truly wonderful, while the magnificent future to which enlightened enterprise may lead, tasks the strongest imagination.

The Mississippi system of navigable waters is variously estimated at from 10,000 to 20,000 miles. Its numerous ramifications penetrate a country of unrivaled fertility, and in many parts abounding in useful metals. On the Lakes, we have a coast of 3,500 miles. Their commerce is estimated at the value of $400,000,000, in articles of prime necessity to the inhabitants of the Eastern States, and to our foreign commerce. That of the Mississippi, in peaceful times, is supposed to equal this. It is the union of these two mighty systems that we contemplate in the proposed improvement.

For this purpose no other route exists comparable to the line now proposed, in the economy of cost of the improvement, or in general utility. It is one of nature's highways—one of the lines which she marks out for the guidance of the great emigrant movements of the race, and by which topography foretells the march of empire. The aboriginal savage traveled it by instinct, and now educated intelligence can find no better place for completing and uniting lines of travel and traffic, embracing half a continent.

From what has been, we may foretell what will be. When the present disorder shall have passed away, the interchange of products between the Northern and Southern States will be resumed. The cotton, sugar, and tobacco of the South will seek its market throughout the Northern States and Canadas. And in return the North will send its wheat, corn, pork, beef and the various articles of manufacture which it can so readily provide. This great commerce will gravitate to the cheapest channels. Look a moment at the capacity of the canal and river, improved as proposed. Says Mr. GOODRIC in a recent letter: "It is believed that a boat or barge, built something like our canal boats, but cheaper, would usually carry the freight instead of the steamer itself. But suppose our present canal boats be used, twelve of them carrying over 70,000 bushels of grain with less than five feet draft of water, could be locked through one of our contemplated locks at one lockage, occupying perhaps fifteen or twenty minutes. A powerful steam tug, such as is used for towing ships from the mouth of the Mississippi to New-Orleans, would easily tow such a fleet of boats. It will therefore be apparent that even much less than one-half of the old prices paid for freight would pay enormously with this improved navigation.' This gives certainly a very striking view of the facilities for transportation which the improvement will offer.

Consider, too, that these facilities will be constant, through the season of navigation, not fluctuating as is usual now, between flood and drought. The present season has been one of unusually good navigation in the Illinois River. The result is remarkable. With the report of the House of Representatives, heretofore referred to, was submitted an estimate of tolls, &c., for the five years proposed to be occupied in the construction of the canal, which can be so carried on as not to interfere with the navigation. The tolls for the first year are put down as likely to be the same as for 1861—viz., $218,000; and for the second at $230,000. I am informed that the tolls received up to a recent period during the present season exceeded those of the last year up to the same time by $40,000; and the receipts for the full season of navigation will not be less than $280,000, and would have been from 25 to 50 per cent greater if there had been canal-boats to do the business. The uncertainty of navigation in past years, owing to the liability to low water in the Illinois River, has discouraged boat-building, and the supply of boats is unequal to the demand.

These facts point to the most favorable results to follow upon making the navigation constant, throughout the season, along the whole line from the Mississippi to the Lakes. Say nothing of the improvement which would inevitably follow the construction of the enlarged canal, in such a manner as to attract a larger amount of freight, and thus increase the revenue even at reduced rates of toll, as is shown by the Erie Canal. The two parts of the work are necessarily dependent upon each other, or rather the canal enlargement and the river improvement make but one work. It will not be worth while to make the one without the other.

It is stated that the tolls on the Erie Canal for 1861 were $3,800,000. It has cost $40,000,000, and is 362 miles long. This proposed improvement is 316 miles long, of much greater capacity than the Erie, and can be completed for $13,366,824. From a fair comparison of the two works what may be expected of this? It will draw trade from far down the Mississippi, from the basin of the Rocky Mountains by way of the Missouri and the Yellow Stone. The whole of the western half of the Mississippi system will be naturally tributary to it, while, in turn, it will pour through its capacious channel, the merchandise and manufactures of the East. If, then, the present contracted canal, sixty-six miles long, and without facilities for doing all the business offered in a season of good navigation, yields $300,000, may we not fairly expect that when the whole line of 316 miles is opened on the proposed scale, reducing the cost of transportation in proportion, it may yield five times that amount. Or if the work should cost $13,500,000, the interest on its cost, at six per cent, would be $810,000. Taking the tolls to be derived from the enlarged work shortly after completion, at only four times what they are for the present year, the amount would be $1,040,000, which would pay the interest and leave $230,000 per annum for repairs, superintendence, &c. Surely this may be considered altogether within bounds, when we look at the growth of the country now going on, and the additional stimulus which such a work would give. The country which will seek this route for its commerce has hardly commenced its agricultural development. Hardly one acre in ten is under cultivation, and in large portions not one in a hundred. The want of facilities for transporting produce now represses the growth of this region by tending to reduce the price of its products below a remunerative point. The East is directly interested in this matter. Any considerable reduction on the cost of transportation here, will cheapen the food of every operative in the Eastern manufactories, and tend to draw from Europe the skilled labor we so much need.

Another point is worth considering—the effect of such a work in increasing the assessable value of property in the region more directly affected by it. Of course nothing very definite can be arrived at in this direction. Analogy may help us to some approximation to the amount. One of the projectors of the Erie canal estimated its effect in this way, in five years, it put "$400,000,000" and the difference between the two estimates is in favor of that under consideration. In the vast region communicating almost immediately with this line, nearly the whole of the land is capable of profitable cultivation, and only waits increased means of transportation to be brought rapidly into use.

But is the work *national*, so that Congress may rightfully execute? A glance at the map will furnish a sufficient answer. Let the eye follow up the Mississippi and crossing over to the Lakes dwell a moment upon the line of this work. How little labor and expense would be required to effect a union between two great systems of waters! As the observer looks and thinks, the greatness of the idea will more and more open upon him—its military and commercial bearings will develope into vaster proportions, till he will see that nowhere else there a work to compare with it in importance, except perhaps the projected canals across the isthmuses of Darien and Suez.

Estimate for a ship and steamboat canal from Lake Michigan to the Illinois River, and the improvement of the Illinois River:

The Illinois River; the canal to be 160 feet wide on the bottom, sides protected with stone walls 30 feet high; the canal and river locks to be 350 feet long and 70 feet wide, with depth of water sufficient to pass steamboats and vessels drawing six feet of water; the canal to be supplied with water from Lake Michigan:

Chicago to Lockport, 29 miles:	
The estimated cost of earth and rock excavation on the summit level from Chicago to Lockport, with walls on both sides 10 feet through the earth, is	$7,022,700
Lockport to Lasalle, 57 miles:	
The estimated cost of canal to Lake Joliet, and short canals at 16 locks, walled on both sides; also six stone dams, 600 feet long, eleven canal and five river locks, each 350 feet long and 70 feet wide, making 120 feet of lockage between Lockport and Lasalle—is	4,031,002
Lasalle to the Mississippi River 230 miles:	
The cost of seven tres and one dam, 600 feet long, the cribbets to be filled with stone, and stone abutments; also seven stone locks, 350 feet long and 70 feet wide, with entrances protected, and insuring a depth of water on all bars, to pass the largest class steamboats and vessels drawing six feet, will be	1,645,000
Add for bridges, right of way, engineering, contingencies, &c	578,022
Total	$13,366,824

All of which is most respectfully submitted by your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. D. WEBSTER,
Col. First Reg. Ill. State Artillery.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE CITY OF CHURCHES.

A Church for Wm. Alvin Bartlett.

On Monday afternoon the ceremony of breaking ground for the new church edifice of the Elm-place Congregational Church, Rev. Wm. A. BARTLETT, took place in the presence of many of the members of the congregation. The Society was formed some twelve years since, when they purchased the ground on which the church is to be located. The property consists of a lot on Elm-place, 150 feet from Fulton-avenue, and 70 feet front by 127 feet deep.

The exercises were commenced by reading from the Scriptures by Rev. Mr. BARTLETT, after which a hymn was sung by the choir, and the ground was broken by the pastor, with a solemn invocation for the Divine blessing on the work. Addresses were delivered by Rev. R. S. STORRS, Jr., and Rev. H. W. BEECHER, and prayer was offered by Rev. Nawton HERMON. The congregation sang the Doxology, and the exercises concluded with a benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. ESTES, of the Church on the Heights.

The new church will cover the entire lot. In architecture it will imitate the Gothic of the Thirteenth Century. The material will be brown-stone for the front, and brick, for the side and rear walls. The front will be surmounted by three large pinnacles. The auditorium will be 65 feet by 97 feet; the ceiling will be 45 feet above the floor. The walls will be finished in imitation of Caen stone; the arched ceiling will be grained and the line broken by the window arches. There will be a gallery in front, but the church will be provided with no basement. The cost of the building is estimated at $21,000. Mr. REUBEN LOCKWOOD is the architect.

Counterfeit Postal Currency.

On what we deemed reliable information, we stated a few days since that counterfeit postal currency was in circulation. Certain cotemporaries saw it, emphatically and "by authority," to deny the assertion.

Yesterday it was our misfortune to see one of the counterfeits, and to be convinced that so fair is its imitation of the tokens furnished by the Bank Note Company, that had we not been forewarned, we should have unhesitatingly taken it in change. To be sure, a closer inspection reveals the fact, that the letter "B" in the U. S. at the bottom of the note is incomplete, and that the geometric work upon the back is coarsely done by a graver, but what of that? We take these bills in dark stages, in crowded cars, in haste and with confidence, when close inspection is slightly impracticable, and we must confess to great surprise that a Bank Note Company, with unlimited resources of genius and capital at its command, should succeed only in producing, after great delay, a currency which can be counterfeited successfully and with ease, and which the public will as readily accept as the genuine.

The Proposed Regiment for Gen. Banks—Its Probable Success.

The merchants of New-York having tendered Gen. BANKS aid and assistance in his proposed expedition, and he having by letter said that he gratefully accepted it, decided by a Committee of their number, a few days since, to complete the Third Regiment, Merchants' Brigade, Col. ETHAN ALLEN, commanding. The following sums were subscribed the first day:

George Opdyke	$100	Hunt, Tillinghast & Co	$100
Hoyt, Sprague & Co.	100	Sackett, Belcher & Co.	200
Simeon B. Chittenden	100	Benedict, Hall & Co.	100

The Treasurer, Col. the Committee, Mr. NEHEMIAH KINNEY, of the firm of Hoyt, Sprague & Co., will receive further subscriptions. The regiment under these auspices, we learn, is filling up remarkably well. Last week over one hundred men were re-

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Freedom Exchange Subscriptions.

The following is the list of subscriptions at the Freedom Exchange on Tuesday:

E. K. Alburtis	$1,000	Fritz Bruce	50
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Williams & Guion	1,000	Frank Dearborn	500
Thomas Dunlap	1,000	Dean, Gaylord & Y.	100
David Dows & Co.	1,000	Geo. Gaylord	100
Martin & Co.	500	Sampson & Wheeler	100
I. Stutzer & Co.	500	Brush & Co.	100
Sayre, Wallace & Co	500	Geo. L. Houser	100
Robert Toellen	500	E. S. Bunnell	100
Geo. B. Powell & Co.	500	Henry Kent, Jr.	100
Stanton M. Chase	500	Sy Hoe & Co.	100
Spaw & Tappan	500	Sy Hoe, Manuf.	100
Godfrey & Eastman	500	Lowell, Harrison & Co.	100
Peter Rice & Co.	500	Potter & Chapman	100
John Tweddle, Jr. & Co.	500	T. H. Field & Co.	100
W. A. Brown & Co.	500	Cash	50
Ryan & Co.	500	G. O. Cook	25
C. H. Mosbury	500	Baldwin & Johnson	50
A. S. Magoun	500	D. C. Cartwright	25
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Per Liverpool, 1,000 barrels flour, above			1,000
Halsey, Garvey & Co., 100 bbls. flour			100
Hentzer & Jewell, 100 bbls. flour			100
L. Roberts & Co., 100 bbls. flour			100
Wallace & Wicks, 50 bbls. flour			100
W. B. Barker, 1,000 bushels corn			75 0
Cash, 1,000 bushels corn			250
G. Vandewater will lighter no bbls. to ship Hope			100
John Middlebrook will out ship 500 grain			250
Smith, Leech & Jewell, 25 bbls. flour and potatoes			100
E. Van Brunschicker, 5,000 lbs. rice, valued			200
Total			$7,500

DAVID DOWS, Chairman.
J. M. HAZARD, Secretary.

Subscriptions to International Relief Fund.

Dec. 9—*Continued.*

A Poor Man	$5 00	"J. M." a Working-Man's Mite	25 00
Just Organized	100 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
A. Van Rensselaer	100 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Foster & Thompson	500 00	Fabbri & Chauncey	500 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Robt. Carter & Bros.	100 00	Ketchum, Son & Co.	500 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
James B. Johnston	1,000 00	James W. Beekman	100 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N. B. Palmer	10 00	Oliver Ames, Son & Co.	500 00
Vernon Brothers	50 00	R. H. Dinsmore	500 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
State-st. Presbyterian Church, Albany	112 20	Total	$7,500 20

(Signed) A. A. LOW, Treasurer.

The Eighteen-year Abortion Case.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION BEFORE JUDGE McCUNN.

MONDAY.

Mr. H. L. CLINTON, counsel for Dr. E. M. Brown, who is charged with procuring an abortion upon CLEMENTINA ARMSTRONG, and thereby causing her death, has brought up the proceedings at the Coroner's inquest before Judge McCUNN on a writ of certiorari, for the purpose of cross-examining the witnesses, who testified on that occasion, and effecting, if possible, the release of his client, or his admission to bail. The first cross-examination was held at Judge McCUNN's office on Saturday last, on which occasion AUGUSTUS L. SMITH, who was the principal witness against Dr. Brown at the inquest, was subjected to a long cross-examination, mainly with reference to his intercourse with Miss ARMSTRONG previous to her going to the Doctor's. The evidence of SMITH was mostly unfit for publication, and had little pertinency to the charge against Dr. Brown, although it developed a depth of villainy and heartlessness on the part of the witness which is rarely equaled. The examination was resumed yesterday at Judge McCUNN's office, when SMITH was again put upon the stand, and his cross-examination continued. His testimony, yesterday, referred principally to his interviews with the father and other relatives of Miss ARMSTRONG, during her last absence from home, and did not differ in any material point from his evidence before the Coroner, all of which has been already published in the TIMES. In answer to a question, whether he considered his conduct in these interviews, in deceiving Mr. ARMSTRONG with regard to his daughter's whereabouts, honest and honorable on his part, he replied that he did not know as it was honorable, but it was done at her request. To a question whether, during the last three years, he had seduced a girl in this City who worked on a sewing-machine, he gave an emphatic "No." He was then asked whether he had had any difficulty with such a girl, to which he replied that he did not know what that had to do with this case. On being instructed by the Judge to answer the question, he said, "No, if is not worth talking about." The examination was here adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The President's Proclamation of Emancipation.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CLERGYMEN.

On Monday night an important and influential meeting of clergymen was held in the Cooper Institute, for the purpose of consulting what should be done toward sustaining the President in carrying out his Proclamation of Freedom. About forty of the most prominent ministers of all denominations were present. Dr. FRANCIS, Chancellor of the University, in the Chair. After some time spent in discussing the object of the meeting, Dr. ASA D. SMITH presented a resolution declaring that, as Slavery was the main cause and support of the present rebellion and war, there could be no permanent peace until it was abolished from the land, a Committee should be appointed to memorialize President LINCOLN to carry out to its fullest extent his Proclamation of Emancipation. The resolution was put, and carried unanimously. The following ministers, as representing the denominations to which they respectively belong, were then appointed to draw up the memorial, to be submitted at an enlarged meeting, to be held in the same place, next Monday evening: Dr. W. R. WILLIAMS, as representing the Baptists; Dr. J. F. THOMPSON, the Congregationalists; Dr. VERMILYE, the Dutch Reformed; Dr. TYNG, the Episcopalians; Dr. TROW, the Methodists.

The Rebel Capt. Jos C. Rich.

WHAT THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY THINKS OF HIM.

United States Marshal MURRAY yesterday received an answer to his letter asking for instructions about the disposal of the rebel Capt. JOS C. RICH, concerning whom full particulars were published in Monday's TIMES. Judging from this answer, Capt. Jos C. RICH does not stand very high in the estimation of the Navy Department. The answer of the Secretary of the Navy was in the following words: "If RICH can be used as an exchange, he had better be detained; if not, he is too worthless to be imprisoned."

The United States Sanitary Commission.

The Woman's Central Association of Relief is doing a good work, and is indorsed by the Sanitary Commission.

On Thursday, at the Academy of Music, a meeting will be held, to which all who feel an interest in our sick and wounded soldiers (and who does not?) are invited. Addresses will be made by Dr. Bellows, Dr. Vinton, Dr. Adams and Dr. Hitchcock. Information will be given on the following points:

Why the 150,000 men, now minus of our military hospitals and convalescent camps, depend so largely on contributions from the home of the land, for comfort, for recovery, and even for life.

Why it is utterly beyond the power of the Government to supply all their wants, rendering it absolutely necessary that those who stay at home should do something to help those who go out to fight for them, when struck down by disease, or by the casualties of war. What those at home can do and ought to do.

Christmas Dinner to the Sick and Wounded Soldiers in Washington—Contributions Solicited.

MRS. CALEB B. SMITH, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with other Washington ladies, is preparing to give a Christmas dinner to all the sick and wounded soldiers in Washington. Their number now exceeds 20,000, and a large outlay will of course be required. Contributions for the purpose are solicited from loyal ladies throughout the country. Any sums left with United States Marshal MURRAY, at his office in Chambers-street, will be duly acknowledged and forwarded to Washington.

NEW-JERSEY.

THE TRIAL OF REV. MR. ARMSTRONG.—The trial of Rev. SILVESTER ARMSTRONG, whose indictment, with others, for misdemeanor, in being concerned in breaking up a meeting at New-Providence, N. J., last Summer, we noticed a day or two since, is set down for Monday next, before the Union County Court, at Elizabeth, Judge HAINES presiding. Yesterday morning the counsel for defence moved to set aside the jury impanneled by the Sheriff to try the case, and impannel a struck jury. This motion the Court granted, and set down Thursday next for the impanneling of the jury. It is expected the trial will be one of unusual interest, and we have no fear but that Judge HAINES will see that Mr. ARMSTRONG

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ESCAPE FROM A CELL.—Four young boys who had been arrested in Newark, for stealing a large quantity of rags, and confined in the Station-house at Newark, made their escape yesterday morning by forcing a bar of the cell window. One of the party remained, and instantly gave the alarm, but the young rascals were out of reach. The place of confinement in the Newark Station-house is of the most insecure description, the sills of the cells being of wood, and the room upon which they open being also easily forced. In fact, several prisoners have escaped during the past year. The police authorities have long demanded a more secure place of confinement for prisoners, and it is probable one or two more such escapes will bring it about.

SALES FOR UNPAID TAXES.—The annual sale by the City Treasurer of Newark, of property for unpaid taxes of 1861, takes place to-day at the City Hall, at 2 P. M. The receipts of taxes for the current year by the Receiver of Taxes of Newark are in advance of the corresponding period of last year. Two per cent addition to now charged, and after the 25th inst., three per cent addition will be charged.

ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary Union meeting of the teachers and friends of Sunday Schools in Newark will be held this evening in the First Presbyterian Church, in the Street. Addresses will be made by distinguished clergymen and friends of the cause from New-York and elsewhere. These meetings are always of great interest, being participated in by Christians of all denominations.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION—TUESDAY, Dec. 9, 1862—2 o'clock P. M.

Present—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Smith, Walsh, Hall, Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—14.

Absent—Aldermen Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—11.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of concurring with Board of Councilmen in adopting resolution that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for the purchase of a lot of ground within the new Engine and Hose Company number Eleven, viz.: Bounded by Grand, Clinton, Rivington and Stanton streets, for the purpose of erecting thereon a house for the Engine and Hose Company number Eleven.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Hall, Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—14.

Negative—Aldermen Brady—1.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of concurring with Board of Councilmen in adopting resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Patrick Gleason, for the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, for the purchase of a new fire hose for Hose Company number Eleven.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Hall, Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—14.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of concurring with Board of Councilmen in adopting resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Board of Trustees of the German Roman Catholic Saint Michael's Church, in the sum of eighty dollars, to pay an assessment on the said church, property for the laying of a cistern in the church.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Hall, Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—14.

Report of Committee on Accounts, in favor of the sum of fifteen dollars and eighty-three cents, in full balance due from Mr. [illegible] for [illegible] River, to be paid to the Comptroller, with power.

Which was adopted.

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Report of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of adopting resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals for the building of a new hose carriage for the use of Hose Company number Forty-eight.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

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Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Hall, Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—14.

Resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to draw his warrant in favor of John J. Henry, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Charles S. Finckney, President of the Board of Councilmen, each for the sum of five hundred dollars, as compensation for their services as Commissioners of Jurors for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Which was laid over.

Petition of William Leslie, praying an assessment for a sewer, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of William Leslie for the sum of [illegible] dollars, for opening a sewer in front of his house and the damages occasioned thereon.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

PAPERS HERETOFORE LAID OVER.

Report of Committee on Streets of Board of Councilmen, with resolution that Thirty-ninth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be graded, curbed and flagged, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Streets.

Report of Committee on Streets of Board of Councilmen, with resolution that the westerly crosswalk of Sixth-avenue, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, be extended southerly from its present terminus to the southwest corner of Sixth-avenue and Thirty-fourth-street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying estimates therefor be adopted.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Smith, Walsh, The President, Hall, Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Freer, Boole, Allen, Ottiwell, Farley—14.

Resolution, that the election roll of the Fourth District, Sixteenth Ward, be changed from number two hundred and twenty-three, Seventh-avenue, to number two hundred and forty-one Seventh-avenue.

Which was immediately passed.

Resolution that the Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen to investigate charges against the conduct of officers in the Street Commissioner's Department be authorized and empowered to send for and examine witnesses and papers.

Which was immediately passed.

Petition of the Managers of the Child's Hospital for a donation.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Finance, in favor of the Board of Councilmen, with resolution that the sum of four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-six cents be transferred from the Sinking Fund, and the Comptroller directed to draw his warrant in favor of Peter T. Knapp for the above named amount, for the purpose of completing the new Second-ward Church property by building a sewer in Second-avenue.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, viz.:

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Receiver in Partition Suit—Agent of Tenant in possession will be appointed.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Justice Leonard.

Sarah C. Hatch et al. vs. Clara M. Hogan et al.—A motion was made in this suit, which is for the partition of certain real estate in this city, for a Receiver pending the action. It was shown on the argument by the plaintiff, one of the tenants in common in possession, that Mrs. Hatch had been acting as agent for her, and was familiar with the requirements of such estate, and that at the time of the commencement of such agency much of the property was unrented and out of repair.

That in the space of ten months he had increased the income of such estate over $6,000 per annum; paid the interest and taxes punctually as they became due, and had, by good management added materially to the value as well as the rental of such property.

The plaintiff asked, that if a Receiver was to be appointed, that Mrs. Hatch, fill the office, as being most capable of so doing, for the advantage of the estate.

The defendant claimed that when there were differences between the parties to a suit in partition, a stranger should fill the place of Receiver, &c.

The Court intimated that the property and clearly been remarkably well cared for, and that a competent and successful agent of the tenant in possession should not be removed from the mere caprice or whim of a party to the action.

Motion granted, upon the principle with Mrs. Hatch being appointed Receiver.

Edwards Pierrepont and Roswell D. Hatch for plaintiff; Gen. J. Thebaud and W. Fullerton, of counsel for defendants.

Alleged Wrongful Detention.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Before Justice Leonard.

Thomas W. Martin, vs. Richard Waters.—This was an action brought by the plaintiff as Administrator of James Martin, deceased, to recover for the wrongful detention of certain goods, chattels, &c., belonging, as alleged, to James Martin in his lifetime.

The defence was, that the goods, chattels, &c., claimed by the plaintiff, did not belong to James Martin in his lifetime, and that they never came into the hands of the plaintiff as Administrator. That testing the lifetime of James Martin, and at the date the property in question belonged to one Catharine Martin.

Sealed verdict ordered.

W. McDermott for plaintiff; J. M. Sheehan, opposed.

The Hart-Dillaye Case—Motion for New Trial.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Dillaye vs. Hart.—This case has been often reported in the Times, and recently resulted on trial in a verdict for the plaintiff for $5,000.

Motion was now made for further time in which to prepare the papers and case for a motion for a new trial, on the ground that the damages were excessive.

The matter was set down for Friday next.

A. O. Hall and Mr. Galbraith for motion; Edwin James and Henry Sheldon opposed.

Dentists in Trouble—Action for Libel.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Justice Monoriff.

Peter Prosterre vs. Eugene Prosterre and Adolph Prosterre.—This was an action brought for libel, in which plaintiff, a well-known dentist, charges defendants, also dentists in Broadway, with having published a false and defamatory libel, by means of which the plaintiff has been greatly injured in his reputation as a citizen, and also in his business and profession as a dentist.

The libel complained of consists of the following publication:

"Please take notice, that there is no other Professor, Dentist, except at our office, No. 159 Bowery. Any persons using our name in this City, or having the same sign of Professor on their signs, are deceiving the public. Beware of them."

The defendant answers that the publication complained of was true, and that plaintiff was not, and had not been for a long time prior thereto, practicing dentistry in the City of New-York; and that the publication had been published with plaintiff's knowledge and consent; also that plaintiff had been in the habit of distributing said publication, keeping large numbers in his place of business for that purpose; also, that immediately upon the publication, large numbers were sent by defendant, and delivered to the plaintiff at his place of business, as defendant has been accustomed to do, with all his publications and circulars, which were retained by plaintiffs without objection.

Plaintiff claims $5,000 damages. Case still on.

J. H. Hunt and Chauncey Shaffer for plaintiff.

Beebe, Dean & Donohue for defendant.

Important Decision Respecting Recruits.

In the matter of the Relation corpus to discharge a soldier enlisted under the age of twenty-one years, without the consent of his parents.

Before Hon. John H. McCunn, City Judge.

AT CHAMBERS.

Dec. 8, 1862.—The father, in this case, applies for the discharge of his son, Nelson A. Buell, on the ground that he is under the age of twenty-one years, and enlisted without his consent. This is sustained by the evidence before me. At common law and by our statutes, the years of minority are fixed under twenty-one years of age; the relationship of parent and guardian, and master and apprentice, is well defined by statute, and established by innumerable authorities, and Congress cannot pass any act which destroys that relationship, and deprives the parent or guardian or master, against their consent, of the services and control of such minor, unless in case of invasion or rebellion, when every able-bodied male citizen between the ages of eighteen and forty-five are liable to military duty. This is absolutely compulsory; but all other acts of Congress in regard to the military establishment of the United States, apply only to volunteer enlistments.

Until the act of Congress of Feb. 13, 1862, was passed, the leading authorities sustained the principle that the State Judges had power to discharge a minor enlisted into the service of the United States without the consent of his parents, guardian or master. In Dobbs' case, 13 Abbott, 413, Mr. Justice Hoffman most thoroughly discusses all the acts of Congress passed upon the subject, down to the act of Sept. 28, 1850, and entertained no doubt in regard to the matter; the contrary, however, having been held by the Common Pleas in the case of Phelan. The act of Sept. 28, 1850, section fifth, directs "that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to order the discharge of any soldier of the army of the United States, who, at the time of his enlistment, was under the age of 21 years, upon evidence being produced to him that such enlistment was without the consent of his parent or guardian." This act makes no provision for the enlistment of soldiers, but provides for their discharge. And whatever doubts existed as to whether State Judges under it could or could not discharge soldiers, who were minors, have been put to rest by the act of Feb. 13, 1862, which entirely repeals this section of the act. But I cannot agree with the opinion advanced in Foltz' case, Common Pleas, June 13, 1862, that "since the passage of this act there can be no doubt of the right to enlist a minor between the ages of 18 and 21." There can be no doubt, provided the parents, guardian, or master of such minor, consents to such enlistment.

Now what is the act of February 13, 1862? First, it repeals the entire 5th section of the act of 1850, and second, it provides "that hereafter no person under the age of 18 shall be mustered into the service of the United States, and that the oath of enlistment taken by the recruit shall be conclusive as to his age." The effect of which, is this: The repealing clause releases the Secretary of War from the duty of discharging any soldier, who, at the time of his enlistment, was under the age of 21 years, and enlisted without the consent of his parent or guardian. And the enacting clause absolutely prohibits the enlistment of any person under the age of 18 years, with or without the consent of his parent or guardian, as intimated by Mr. Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court, sitting alone, and as held lately by the Supreme Court of Indiana, and by myself in the case of Nicholson. But a person between the ages of 18 and 21 may be enlisted into the service of the United States, but it must be with the consent of the parent, guardian or master, as provided by the eleventh section of the act of Congress of March 16, 1802, "that no person under the age of twenty-one years shall be enlisted by any officer, or held in the service of the United States without the consent of his parent, guardian or master, first had or obtained, if any he have." Mr. Ingersoll, in 1861, in his Digest, considered this act of 1802 upon this subject to be in full force. It is true the act of Dec. 10, 1814, made the enlistment absolutely binding upon all persons under the age of twenty-one years; but the act of the 3d of March, 1815, restored the act of 1802, even if the act of 1814 had repealed it, and the act of July 5, 1862, only repealed the eleventh section of the act of 1802, as regarded the height of enlisted men. Long and [illegible] contended that the act of 1862 repealed the act of 1802 in toto, and that the act of 1862 is now in full force. I am [illegible] that the act of 1862 is now in full force. And as I do not [illegible] of 1862 is now in full force, and as I do not [illegible] in enlistments, under the age of 21 years, [illegible] and I therefore feel justified in referring to General Order No. 46 of the War Department of June 18, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 46.—1. The act of Feb. 13, 1862, section 2, published in "General Orders" No. 15, although prohibiting the discharge of minors from the service, does not authorize their enlistment or master into the service, except with the consent of their parents, masters or guardians. Such consent must be in the enlistment, and filed with triplicate copies of the master-in roll.

By order of the Secretary of War.

L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General.

For these reasons, I am clearly of opinion that no person under the age of 18 can be enlisted into the service of the United States, nor can any person between the ages of 18 and 21 be enlisted, or mustered into the service without the consent of his parent, guardian or master first been had, as provided for, if any have. The recruit must therefore be discharged.

George Carpenter, Esq., for relator; J. C. Van Loan, Esq., for respondent.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Justice Barbour.

Brickoff vs. Wesner, Sheriff, &c.—If plaintiff, within five days, files the stipulation read on the hearing of this motion, then the order is denied, otherwise granted with $10 costs, to abide event.

Gray et al. vs. Chatsworth, &c.—Report of referee confirmed and motion denied.

Kerins, &c., vs. Phillips.—See opinion.

Krausdie vs. Brasuchs.—Referred back to referee for further proof.

Bailey et al. vs. Cole.—Order settled.

Gomez vs. Gomez.—Reference ordered to take proof of the allegations contained in the moving and opposing affidavits, and report the same to the Court with opinion.

In the Matter of Rudolph S. Miller.—References ordered.

In the Matter of the Motion, &c., relative to the widening of Worth street.—Decision ordered back to referee, to report more fully, &c.

In the Matter of Chas. Palmer, a supposed Lunatic.—Order settled.

Benedict vs. Oppenheimer.—Motion granted, with $10 costs.

Pooley vs. Sherman.—Injunction is dissolved, with $10 costs.

White vs. Smith et al.—Motion granted, with $10 costs, without prejudice, &c.

Martin vs. Lewis.—Motion denied, $10 costs, &c.

Hendricks, &c., vs. Lawrence et al.—Motion granted. Plaintiffs may have an order to complain, &c.

Same vs. Same; Same vs. Same; Hendricks vs. Same; Hendricks vs. Same; Tucker vs. Same.—Motions denied.

Before Justice Hoyt.

Stevens vs. Marsan.—Inquest set aside on payment of costs of Circuit, and $10 costs of motion, &c.

Kenyon et al. vs. Hodges.—Motion denied and petition dismissed, without prejudice.

Fleckney vs. Short.—Motion denied, without prejudice, &c.

Herion vs. Wolbridge.—See decision.

Before Justice Leonard.

Dusart vs. Delacroix.—The motion must be denied, with $10 costs of opposing.

Dusart vs. Delacroix.—Motion to open default granted; $10 costs of opposing to await the judgment.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Barbour.

Beecher vs. Ackerman.—Case settled. Papers left at the Clerk's office.

Ulier et al vs. The Northwestern Insurance Company.—Order granted.

Before Justice Monoriff.

The Great Western Insurance Company vs. Mace et al.—The defendants must take an order allowing them five per cent. upon the amount claimed by plaintiff. Papers at Clerk's office.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Dec. 9, 1862.

$2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Cou.	104¼	200 N. Y. Cen. R.	100	100¼
10,000 do	104¼	400 do	100¼
10,000 U. S. 6s, '78, Cou.	99	100 do	100¾
5,000 Treas. 7.3-10 N.	100	200 do	s10 100¾
Notes, small	100¾	100 do	s30 100¾
4,000 do small	100¾	100 do	100¾
5,000 do small	100¾	100 do	s10 100¾
4,000 do	100¾	100 do	100¾
67,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. C.	99¾	300 Erie Railway	60¾
5,000 do	99¾	100 do	60¾
15,000 U. S. Dem. Nts.	97	100 do	60¾
5,000 do	97¼	100 do	60¾
1,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s	104¾	100 do	60¾
1,000 Erie 1st M. B.	100¾	200 do	60¾
5,000 Erie 2d M. B.	80	100 do	s10 60¾
5,000 Erie 3d M. B.	83 107	100 do	60¾
5,000 Rin., N. Y. & Erie 1st M.	60	100 do	60¾
6,000 Hackn. R. 1st M.	75	100 do	60¾
5,000 Mich. S. & N. I. 1st M.	80	100 do	60¾
2,000 L. S. & M. S. 1st M.	89	100 do	60¾
4,000 A. L. & T. H. 2d M.	60	50 do	60¾
6,000 Ch. & N. W. 1st S.	89	100 do	60¾
7,000 C. & N. W. Sin. Fd.	63	100 do	60¾
5,000 A. & N. W. R. 1st M.	80	100 do	60¾
1,000 do	80¾	100 do	60¾
3,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st M.	97¾	100 Mich. S. & N. I. R.	30¾
20,000 Tol. & W. 2d M.	81	100 do	30¾
1,000 R. Ext. Del. Lack.	101	100 do	30¾
4,000 Clev. & T. 1st M.	103¾	100 do	30¾
1,000 P. Ft. W. & C. 1st m.	108	100 do	30¾
1,000 P. Ft. W. & C. 2d m.	89	100 do	30¾
12,000 do	91¾	50 do	30¾
10,000 do	91¾	50 do	30¾
2,000 P. Ft. W. & C. 3d m.	71	50 Ill. Central R.	75¾
1,000 Ol. & Pots. 2d m.	91	200 do	75¾
1,000 Clev. & P. 4th M.	72	150 do	s10 75¾
1 B'k of State of N. Y.	62¾	200 do	s30 75¾
150 Am. Ex. Bank	97¾	250 do	75¾
20 Ocean Bank	75	100 do	s60 75¾
5 Hide & Leath. Bank	105	100 do	s10 75¾
13 Continental Bank	99	100 do	100 75
10,000 American Gold	132¾	750 Clev. & Pitts. R.	43
50,000 do	132¾	200 do	s30 43
20,000 do	132¾	100 do	s30 43¾
20,000 do	132¾	100 do	43¾
5,000 do	s10 132	200 do	s10 43¾
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10,000 do	s30 132	100 do	43¾
5,000 do	s10 132¾	200 do	43¾
20,000 do	132¾	200 do	43¾
15,000 do	132¾	200 do	43¾
100 Penn. Coal Co.	117	200 Clev. & Tol. R.	80¾
10 do	118	200 do	80¾
20 Cam. Coal Pr.	62	200 do	80¾
100 do	62¾	400 do	80¾
50 Pen. Mail S. Co.	122¾	200 do	s30 80¾
100 do	123	200 do	s30 80¾
200 do	s30 122¾	200 do	s30 80¾
50 Mil. & P. Du C. R.	32	200 do	80¾
110 Tol. Lack. & W. R.	100	200 do	80¾
100 Tol. W. & W. Pref.	71	100 do	s60 80¾
200 Pitts., Ft. W. & C. R.	41	200 do	s30 80
200 do	s30 41	50 Clev. Col. & Cin. R.	140¾
200 do	41		

SECOND BOARD.

$2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Cou.	104		5 Pac. Mail S. Co.		128
5,000 do	104¼		50 do	s10	128
5,000 U. S. D. Notes	128		40 N. Y. Cen. R.		103¾
10,000 do	128¾		100 do		103¾
5,000 do	128¾		100 do		103¾
5,000 do	128¾		100 Erie Railway		61¾
10,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. Cou.	99¾		50 do		61¾
20,000 Treas. 7.3-10 N.			50 Erie Railway P.	s30	76¾
Notes	100¾		50 do		76¾
2,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. C.	99¾		50 do	s30	76
2,000 do	99¾		100 do		76¾
10,000 Ill. Cen. R. 6s	75¾		100 Harlem Railroad		22¾
2,000 do	75¾		300 do		22
10,000 Cal. Pac. 6s	112		200 do	s60	22
12,000 Erie R. 2d M. B.	83 107		400 Harlem R. Pref.		51¾
3,000 Tol. & W. 1st m.	97¾		12 Sixth-avenue R.		123
10,000 Tol. & W. 2d M.	81		30 Nor. & Wor. R.		74
1,000 Cal. & Or. Sanm.	101		400 Reading Railroad		70¾
4,000 Clev. & T. 1st M.	103¾		100 do		70¾
1,000 P. Ft. W. & C. 1st m.	108		200 do		70¾
1,000 P. Ft. W. & C. 2d m.	89		100 do	s30	70¾
12,000 do	91¾		100 do		70¾
10,000 do	91¾		50 do	s60	70¾
2,000 P. Ft. W. & C. 3d m.	71		200 Mich. S. & N. I. R.		30¾
1,000 Ol. & Pots. 2d m.	91		100 do		30¾
1,000 Clev. & P. 4th M.	72		100 do		30¾
1 B'k of State of N. Y.	62¾		100 do		30¾
150 Am. Ex. Bank	97¾		100 do		30¾
20 Ocean Bank	75		100 do		30¾
5 Hide & Leath. Bank	105		100 do		30¾
13 Continental Bank	99		100 do		30¾
10,000 American Gold	132¾		100 do		30¾
50,000 do	132¾		100 do		30¾
20,000 do	132¾		100 do		30¾
20,000 do	132¾		100 do		30¾
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100 Tol. W. & W. Pref.	71		100 do		s60 30¾
200 Pitts., Ft. W. & C. R.	41		200 do		s30 30
200 do	s30 41		50 Clev. Col. & Cin. R.		140¾
200 do	41				

THIRD BOARD—1 P. M.

44 Room No. 22 William-street.

$15,000 U. S. Dc Notes	128		1000 Clev. & Pitt. R.	s60	42¾
14,000 do	128¾		100 do		42¾
100 N. Y. Cen. R.	s10 103¾		200 do		42¾
300 Erie Railway	61¾		200 Galena & C. R.		s30
200 do	s30 61¾		100 do		s30
100 do	61¾		100 do		s30
100 do	61¾		100 do		s30
200 Erie Railway P.	s30 76		100 do		s10
200 Hud. River R.	s10 75		200 Chic. & R. I. R.		s30
100 do	75		200 do		s30
200 N. Sc. & N. I. R.	s30				

FOURTH BOARD—4 P. M.

At Room No. 22 William-street.

$2,000 U. S. 6s, '81	104¾		200 M. S. & N. I. R.		30¾
$2,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. C.	99¾		100 do	s30	30¾
10,000 Amer. Gold	132¾		100 M. S. & N. I. G. R.		30¾
100 Pen. M. S. Co.	s30 122		200 Mich. Cen. R.		80¾
150 N. Y. Cen. R.	103¾		150 Ill. Cent. R.		75¾
400 Erie Railway	62		50 do	s10	75
1000 Erie R. Pref.	76¾		200 do		75
100 Hud. Riv. R.	s30 75¾		200 Clev. & Pitts. R.		43¾
100 do	s10 75		100 Gal. & Chic. R.		80¾
50 Chi. & R. I. R.	80¾		100 Clev. & Tol. R.		80¾

FRIDAY, Dec. 9—P. M.

The appearance of the Loan and Currency Bill, moved by Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, in the Stock Exchange and in Wall-street. The position of this gentleman on the Committee of Ways and Means imparts a certain degree of importance to the measure, even in first sight. Brought, although in no sense, of responsibility the act of the Committee. Both the main features of the Bill, although proposing a different form of negotiation from some of the recommendations of the Secretary, are calculated to give the Treasury all the means required in the conduct of the War for the next eighteen months. In this view of the measure, the course of speculation to-day was to advance the Stock Market and stiffen the price of Gold. The general rise was about 1 ⅌ cent., compared with the sales of Monday, but as on this there was a considerable amount of realizing, and a large business accomplished, the extreme quotations were not sustained to the close of the day. The other features of the Bill of Mr. STEVENS, to suspend the payments of the Public Interest in Gold, and to tax the State Bank Circulation of the country, were received to-day with general disfavor, and it is not believed for a moment, among financial people here, that Congress will seriously entertain either proposition.

Late in the afternoon the general market left off steady at about the following prices:

U. S. 6s, 1881	104	104¼	Reconvrts	82¾	83¾
U. S. 5s, 1874	104¾	105¼	Cumberl.	34	34¾
U. S. Notes O. H.	128	128¾	Reform	81¾	82
Chicago Gold	132¾	133¾	Illinois Central	75¾	76
N. Y. Central	103¾	103¾	Toledo	60¾	60¾
Erie	60¾	60¾	Rock Island	76¾	76¾
Erie Preferred	76¾	76¾	Pacific	60¾	60¾
Hudson	30	30	Hudson	30¾	30¾
Mich. Central	80¾	80¾	Pacific	121¾	122
Mich. Southern	80¾	80¾	Pacific	100	100
Mich. Canaan'd	28¾	28¾	Harlem Pref.	51¾	50¾

The following are the bids made to-day for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	99	Bank of N. America	69
Manhattan	130	Commerce	81¾
Merchants'	103	Irving	74
Tatham	100	Metropolitan	94
Phenix	98	Grocers'	93
National	98	East River	90
Mechanics' Exchange	90	Shoe and Leather	95
Bank of New-York	99¾	Continental	99
Commerce	80	Commonwealth	97
Broadway	140	Importers' & Traders'	162
Ocean	95	Park	137
American Exchange	97¾		
Chatham	99		

The Railway mortgages generally advanced to-day under a good demand for nearly all descriptions.

N. Y. Cen. 6s	108	Ill. Cen. 7 P. C. '78	102
N. Y. Cen. Real Est.	103¾	Chi. & A. & P. R. Inc.	97
N. Y. Cen. 6s, sub	102¾	Chi. & R. I. & Pac.	75¾
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	106¾	Chi. & N. W. Sink. Fd.	90
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	114¾	Chi. & N. W. Appl. Ex.	90
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	115	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bds.	87¾
Erie 6s, 1st	114	Chi. & N. W. Inc. Bds.	60
Erie 6s, '75	112	Chi. & N. W. sinking fd.	85
Erie third-m. 6s	83¾	Chi. & N. W. Secondrs.	72
Erie fourth-m. 6s	80¾	Chi. & N. W. Sec. Stock	32
Erie 6s, int	86¾	Tol. & Wab. 1st m.	97¾
E., N. Y. & E. R. bds '71	83	Tol. & Wab. seconds	81
Hudson 1st m. '96	116¾	M. & P. Du Chien 2d m.	102
Hudson seconds, s.f. '96	113¾	Gal. & Chic. 1st m.	100
Hudson third m. '98	107¾	Gal. & Chic. 2d m.	100
Harlem seconds, '61	100	Cleve. & Tol. 2d m.	103¾
Mich. Cen. s.f. 7 P. C. '82	114¾	N. J. Cen. seconds	100
Ill. Cen. s.f. 8 P. C. '75	113	Pitts., F. W. & C. 2d m.	91
Mich. S. & N. I. 7 P. C. seconds	93¾	Chic. & Pitts. 6s	90
N. Jer. Cen. 1st m. '86	102	Clev. & Pitts. 4th m.	71¾
M. S. & N. I. s. f. 7 P. C.	93¾		

Exchange on London opened at 147 ⅌ cent. for first-class Bankers', on the first advance at the Stock Exchange on Gold, but the rate soon fell back to 146 ⅌ cent., at which there was a considerable business done for the Boston mail.

The Assistant-Treasurer of this City has borrowed for the Department about $3,600,000 in Gold of the Associated Banks for the payment of the interest on the Public Debt, due 1st of January. The accommodation is made at one day's notice after 30 days, by which time or soon thereafter, the Government will be in receipt of Gold from Customs.

The Treasurer of the State of Illinois is understood to have made his arrangements in this City for the payment of the January interest, as usual, it is believed, in Gold, and the 6 ⅌ cents. of the State have gone up rapidly within a few days in consequence. The Treasurer is also to pay off a portion of the principal of the State Debt.

The following is a comparative statement of the exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New-York to Foreign Ports for the week ending Dec. 9, and since Jan. 1:

	1862.	1861.	1860.
For the week	$8,147,413	$2,401,088	$2,318,404
Prev. reported	92,897,716	124,817,273	143,283,865
Since Jan. 1	$94,046,129	$127,223,361	$145,602,269

The last weekly statement of the Philadelphia Banks presents the following aggregates, as compared with those of the previous week:

	Dec. 1.	Dec. 8.		
Capital Stock	$11,731,395	$11,731,495	Inc.	$210
Loans	36,774,722	36,480,040	Dec.	$144,682
Specie	3,465,854	3,335,758	Dec.	80,076
Due fm other Bks.	1,930,620	1,908,000	Dec.	22,320
Due to other Bks.	3,058,375	6,438,353	Dec.	315,012
Deposits	26,630,225	27,448,280	Inc.	818,105
Circulation	4,641,894	4,594,646	Dec.	16,676
United States legal tender and demand notes	4,377,403	1,293,597	Inc.	916,194

The following is a comparative statement of the earnings of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburgh Railroad for November of

1862	$30,160 42
1861	27,073 99
Increase, 1862	$3,296 43

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New-York, was as follows: Receipts, $1,354,408 92, including $56,000 for Customs; Payments, $1,502,155 02; Balance, $10,100,952 36.

GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1862—6 P. M.

The reported receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been 29 bbls. Ashes, 12,618 bbls. Flour, 10 bbls. and 256 hsds. Corn Meal, 68,504 bushels Wheat, 168,666 bushels Corn, 75 bushels Rye, 10,078 bushels Barley, 47,068 bushels Oats, 8,036 bushels Malt, 6,170 pkgs. Provisions, and 762 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Sales were light to-day, at $8 50 for Pots and $8 50@$8 75 for Pearls, ⅌ 100 lbs.

BEESWAX—Western Yellow was inactive at 30c. ⅌ lb.

BAGS AND BAGGING—Were in moderate demand at full prices.

CANDLES—Prices were nominally unaltered but the market was dull.

CHEMICALS—Are in moderate request at former rates.

COFFEE—Has been inactive and has declined to 24c.@30c. for Java, 21c.@22½c. for Laguayra and Maracaibo, 28½c.@32c. for Rio, and 27c.@30c. for St. Domingo, ⅌ lb. Messrs. Wm. Steers & Co. say: "Sales of Rio during the past week have been 2,016 bags per Fleet, and 1,000 per Ganges, (in transit,) at 30c. The market closes quiet, at a decline of ½c.@1½c. ⅌ lb. from our previous quotations. 350 bags Savanilla changed hands to-day, on private terms."

COPPER—Sales, 250,000 lbs. Refined Ingot, at 31c.@31½c. ⅌ lb. A Government contract for 300,000 lbs. Baltimore, to be delivered in Washington, was awarded at 32½c. ⅌ lb.

COTTON—Continues inactive at 66½c.@67c. for Middling, ⅌ lb.

FOREIGN LIQUORS—Have been less active, owing, in part, to the high prices asked.

FRUITS—Transactions have been quite limited in all kinds, including Layer Raisins, at $3 50@$3 85, and Bunch do., at $3 70 ⅌ box.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been in good demand, and prices have advanced 5c.@10c. ⅌ bbl., the market closing buoyantly in view of the rise in Gold and Sterling Exchange. The reported sales since our last comprise 23,600 bbls., including Superfine State at $5 85@$6; poor to choice extra State at $6 10@$6 40, chiefly at $6 10@$6 20; Superfine Western, inferior to choice, at $5 85@$6; extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, &c., at $6 75@$6 25; round hoop extra Ohio, shipping brands, at $6 30@$6 65 ⅌ bbl.

Superfine State	$5 85	@$6 00
Extra State	6 10	@ 6 40
Superfine Western	5 85	@ 6 00
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	6 15	@ 6 25
Extra Ohio, round hoop, shipping brds	6 35	@ 6 65
Extra Ohio, trade brands	7 00	@ 8 25
Extra Genesee	6 45	@ 6 50
Interior to Choice Extra Missouri	6 50	@10 00

Southern Flour continues in fair demand at buoyant prices; sales 1,400 bbls., at $6 75@$7 05 for poor to good superfine Baltimore, &c.; $7 10@$9 10 for fancy to choice brands, and $6 75@$10 for very superior family brands, ⅌ bbl. Canadian Flour favors sellers; sales 1,050 bbls. Extra, at $5 10@$5 15 ⅌ bbl. Rye Flour continues in fair request, at $4 60@$4 75 for fine and $4 75@$5 for Jersey and Brandywine. Corn Meal is in fair request at $3 25@$3 50 ⅌ bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat continues to meet a good demand, chiefly for export, at $1 ⅌ bushel. The rise in Gold and sterling exchange is calculated to give a fresh impetus to the export trade. Sales, among many others, of 37,000 bushels, including White Western, at $1 31@$1 36; Amber Western at $1 36@$1 38; Amber Iowa and Wisconsin, at $1 33@$1 38; Milwaukee Club at $1 26@$1 28; Chicago Spring at $1 25@$1 29; Amber State at $1 47@$1 48; mixed State at $1 40 ⅌ bushel. Corn is rapidly advancing. Sales, among our last, 370,000 bushels, at 70c.@72½c., closing at 71½c.@72c. for shipping Mixed Western; 69c.@70c. for Eastern Mixed do.; 69c.@70c. for Western Yellow, and 69c.@70c. for Western White. Rye is in fair request, at 62c.@65c., according to quality, ⅌ bushel. Sales, 2,700 bushels. Oats continue valuable and buoyant, including Canada at 51½c.@57c., Western at 50c.@52c., and State at 47½c.@50½c. ⅌ bushel. Barley is in rather more demand, at $1 35@$1 40 ⅌ bushel. Sales 5,800 bushels.

Receipts of Breadstuffs at Detroit, Jan. 1 to Dec. 6, 1862.

Flour, bbls	289,657
Wheat, bushels	3,064,000
Corn, bushels	737,400
Oats, bushels	188,000
Rye, bushels	9,770
Barley, bushels	91,207

Referring to the sudden closing of the Hudson River, the Albany *Atlas and Argus*, of this morning, says: "More, owing to the sudden closing of river navigation, there are crowds of boats. A list embracing about 100 is given below, with their cargoes, and will be found nearly complete. These vessels contain: Of Wheat, 196,000 bushels; Corn, 185,000 bushels; Oats, 197,100 bushels; Barley, 59,400; being a total of 703,400 bushels—a greater quantity of grain than was ever undergood here. In addition, there are large quantities of flour, beef, pork, timber, staves, &c. Also, a fleet of Rondout boats, not included in the subjoined list, and several vessels with lumber. At Troy there are, we understand, some sixty boats."

HAY—North River hay has been actively sought after, at 97½c.@90c. ⅌ 100 lbs.

HOPS—New Crop have been in fair demand, at from 11c.@20c. ⅌ lb.

HATS—Eastern are salable, at $1 40@$1 45 ⅌ dozen.

LEAD—Pig has been inactive, at ⅌ @ ⅌ lb.

LIME—Rockland was in fair demand, at 65c. for Common, and $1 for Lump, ⅌ bbl.

MOLASSES—Sales to-day, 100 bbls. old crop New-Orleans, at 23½c.@26c., and 10 half bbls. new crop do., at 46c. ⅌ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Continue inactive, at previous quotations. 20 bbls. Archangel Tar were sold, by auction, at $17@$18 ⅌ bbl.

OILS—Petroleum has been in good request, at 45c.@46c. for Crude, and 75c.@80c. for refined, ⅌ gallon; holders asking higher prices toward the close. No important sales of Whale Oil, of which 550 bbls. in two parcels have been sold for manufacturing, at prices not transpired.

Imports of Sperm and Whale Oil and Whalebone into the United States:

	Bbls. Sperm.	Bbls. Wh. Sh.	Lbs. Bone.
From Jan. 1 to Dec. 6, 1862	14,125	92,727	670,000
Same time last year	18,271	121,488	1,024,000

(Whalemen's Shipping List.)

PRINTING CLOTHS—Have been in good request in the Providence market, during the week. The Journal reports sales of 36,000 pieces, including 8,000 pieces, 60x64, 14c. cash; 14,000 pieces, 64x64, 14c. cash; 12,500 pieces, 64x64, 14c. cash, ⅌ yard.

PROVISIONS—Pork is in good request, and is advancing. Sales, 1,600 bbls., at $10 50@$10 62½ for Mess, and $11 50@$11 75 for prime, ⅌ bbl. Cut Meats are in demand, at 7c.@7½c. for H

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NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1862.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Il Barbiere di Siviglia.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—Brighton; or, The Rogues Prince and Poor Peasant.

WALLACK'S—The Jealous Wife.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—The Drama, Concerts Daily, Gift Allocation and Dancing. Department Performing Seals—Curiosities, &c., at all hours.

GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—Der Freischütz (Der Wildschütz).

AMERICAN ART UNION SOCIETY EXHIBITION—No. 497 Broadway.

GOODWIN'S GALLERY—Goodwin's Niagara.

ARCH LINE RYNE—Gaiety of Nations, corner 4th-st. and Broadway.

FRENCH THEATRE—(Salle Concert Salon)—Un-Gouvernante Parvue.

WINTER GARDEN—Boots at Sea Lyd.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Another heavy battle has been fought in Arkansas, and another great victory has crowned the National arms. Gen. HERRON's forces, already mentioned as on the way to reinforce Gen. BLUNT at Cane Hill, encountered the enemy on Sunday on Crawford's Prairie, ten miles south of Fayetteville, and after a desperate battle, lasting from 10 o'clock in the morning until dark, defeated them with heavy loss. The rebels were eight strong in four divisions, commanded respectively by Gens. PARSONS, MARMADUKE, FRAKE and RAINS, the whole under command of Gen. HINDMAN. The position of Gen. BLUNT at Cane Hill was flanked by them, their intention being to prevent the joining of our two forces. The scale of battle late in the day was turned by a reinforcement of five thousand men from Gen. BLUNT's command, which fell upon the rebel rear. At 9 o'clock on Sunday night the rebels were in full flight again for the Boston Mountains, with a loss, by their own admission, of 1,500 killed and wounded. Our loss is estimated at 600.

There is nothing of importance from the Army of the Potomac this morning. The weather has considerably moderated.

The Washington *Intelligencer* publishes the following paragraph in its issue of Monday: "We have private letters from Gen. FOSTER's army at Newbern, as late as Thursday last, referring to recent military operations, and also to important movements on the eve of execution, not proper to publish. The letters were in good spirits, and confident of success."

The news from the Southwest is interesting and important. The advance of the National forces under Gen. GRANT, approaching Oxford, on the Mississippi Central Railroad, on Thursday last, had a skirmish with the rear guard of the rebels, near that place. It was ascertained that the main body of the rebel army, forty thousand strong, had passed through Oxford twelve hours before. A later dispatch from Oxford, on Sunday, announces that a body of our cavalry had a two hours' engagement, near Coffeeville, on Friday night, in which our loss was fifty-five killed and wounded, and sixty missing, while that of the rebels was three hundred killed and wounded. The rebel force engaged was estimated at five thousand. A glance at the map will show that Coffeeville is nearly forty miles below Oxford, and that, consequently, the advance of Gen. GRANT's cavalry must have been remarkably rapid. Coffeeville is only seventeen miles above Granada, which point it will be seen is now occupied by the expedition under Gen. HOVEY, several days ago.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship *Creole*, we have advices from New-Orleans to the 29th ult. The news is not important, no military movements having taken place since the date of our last previous advices. The canvass for the Congressional election was proceeding with much spirit, and numerous candidates were offering.

The Burlington, Vt. *Times* is informed that there are now collected at Rouse's Point about 14,000 muskets, 250 swords, 500 large revolvers, 3,000,000 of caps, and eleven tons of powder, which were shipped from this City. A portion of these arms were once stopped by Provost-Marshal DRAPER, while in *transitu*, but very singularly were permitted to go forward. They are now held at the Point by Marshal DUDLEY, by the order of the Secretary of War. The weight of these articles is over one hundred tons, and their estimated value is $100,000. The weapons will arm seventeen regiments. A Mr. HEYDRICKS came forward as the agent having the commodities in charge, but on examination, has been discharged as guiltless. The owners or shippers have been discovered, but their names are not made public.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a communication was received from the Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution passed last week, stating that he had no information regarding the sale of free men into slavery by the rebels. Protests against the action of the Advisory Board of the Navy were presented. A bill was reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations for the relief of the owners of the French vessel *Jules et Marie*. A bill to increase the bonds of the Superintendent of Printing was reported. Mr. HALE introduced his bill to abolish the grade of rear-admiral officers. It was referred to the Military Committee. The resolution offered by Mr. SAULSBURY, of Delaware, relative to arbitrary arrests of citizens of Delaware, was taken up, and occupied attention until the adjournment—the debate ranging over the whole subject of arrests and the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. The subject was not disposed of.

In the House, the Senate bill for the admission of Western Virginia into the Union as a separate State, was taken up, and debated during the entire session, excepting a short time alloted to the passage of the bill authorizing collectors and assessors, and their assistants, under the Tax law, to administer oaths, etc.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the arrival of the steamship *Arabia* at Halifax we have advices from Europe one week later. She left Liverpool on the 29th and Queenstown on the 30th ult. The political news by this arrival is almost wholly devoid of interest. The British Press continues its discussion of American affairs, but bring out no new points for consideration. The excitement in Greece in favor of placing Prince ALFRED, of England, on the Throne of that country, continued unabated. The great prize-fight for the championship of England, between JEM MACE and TOM KING, took place on the 26th ult., and resulted in favor of KING—MACE knocking him out of time in the twenty-first round. It was reported that HERMAN had agreed to fight KING for the championship, each man to put up £500. Cotton in the Liverpool market was quiet, after an advance during the week, which had been partially lost. Breadstuffs were quiet and steady, and Provisions inactive. Consols 93¾@94.

The steamship *Creole*, which arrived last evening, from New-Orleans, touched at Havana on the 4th inst., and brought later intelligence from Mexico. The French occupied Tampico on the 23d ult., without opposition, the Government soldiers and officials retiring into the country. The fort in the harbor and the fortifications on shore had been previously dismantled, and the cannon sent up the river. The French sent a gunboat in pursuit, which, at last accounts, had not been heard from. The foreign Consuls obtained the promise of the French Admiral that order should be preserved in the city. Gen. FOREY still continued at Orizaba, and his predecessor, LORENCEZ, had left for France. FOREY is said to have put in motion a part of his forces, toward Puebla, but he is delayed in his movements for the want of transportation. Meantime the work on the fortifications at Puebla continues, and the French, when they do advance there, will no doubt have a warm reception.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A resolution by Mr. JEREMIAH was adopted, requesting the Mayor to report to the Board such information as he may have concerning the defences of the harbor, with the amendment by Mr. FROMENT, "if not inconsistent with the public interest." A remonstrance against purchasing the Fort Gansevoort property, from CORNELIUS V. S. ROOSEVELT, was presented by Mr. FROMENT, and referred. At 2 o'clock, a recess was taken to 3 o'clock. On reassembling the Fractional Currency ordinance, passed by the Councilmen some time ago, was called up by Mr. BOOLE. Mr. FARLEY amended it by limiting the investment in the City stocks of the money received for the notes to one-half of the amount of the receipts, so as always to have a balance on hand sufficient for redemptions. The ordinance was then adopted and ordered to be sent to the Councilmen for concurrence. It provides that the change notes shall be issued at the option of the Comptroller, but not to a greater extent than $3,000,000. On motion of Mr. BRADY, the Board adjourned till 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The Aldermen as City Canvassers, held their fifth meeting yesterday. The returns from the districts of Messrs. HENRY and BOOLE, were canvassed complete. The returns from Mr. ALLEN's district were in hand and being canvassed, when the Board adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning.

The Board of Supervisors met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M., of Thursday next, out of respect to Mr. BLUNT, after passing resolutions of condolence with him on the loss of his wife, who died on Sunday.

A cargo of upland cotton, part of it damaged, taken on the prize schooner *Emma*, was sold in Philadelphia on Monday for fifty cents per pound.

A number of brass rifled pieces, on carriages, which have been lying in the Philadelphia Navy-yard for the past few days, have been forwarded to their destination. They were marked "Rear-Admiral Porter, U. S. N., Cairo, Illinois."

A very important order has just been issued by Adjutant-Gen. THOMAS, at Harrisburgh, which has for its real object to ascertain who are and who are not absent from their regiments in the field without leave. This order recites that no passes shall be granted to any officers or soldiers now in camp at Harrisburgh, except to those whose business is urgent and necessarily requires their absence. All officers and soldiers without passes are to be arrested by the Provost-Marshal. All clothing, equipage, &c., belonging to the United States, and in the possession of civilians, are to be accounted for, under penalty of arrest and confinement.

The Post-office at Mendham, N. J., was broken open on Thursday night last, and stamps to the value of about $100 were abstracted.

The Charlestown (Mass.) *Advertiser* states that a letter received in that city from an officer on board the gunboat *Dawn*, dated Vernon River, Ga., says that of two lots of shells received by them from the gunboat *Massachusetts*, not one of them would explode, some person having put a wet patch between the powder. These shells were all shipped from the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Navy-yard.

The Boston *Journal* learns from an authentic source that on the 10th of November flour was $36 per barrel at Charleston; corn, $2 50 per bushel; potatoes, $4 per bushel; coffee, $2 75 per pound; butter, $1 20 per pound; yellow soap, $1 55 to $1 65 per pound; children's shoes, $5 to $6; ladies' boots, $10; common calico, $3 per yard; salt, $46 per bushel; poor oak wood, $22 ⅌ cord; gents' pantaloons, $30. The salt was sold at auction, wholesale price.

The movement of Mr. STEVENS on Loan and Currency matters at Washington, was the theme of discussion in Wall-street yesterday. The propositions of the bill to increase the New Loan and also the issue of United States Notes of Circulation were construed in favor of a rise in Stocks, and the same feeling stiffened the price of Gold. Exchange left off same as on Monday.

Breadstuffs were brisker and dearer yesterday. More activity was discernable in Provisions. Mess Pork and Lard were higher. Petroleum again advanced and closed buoyant. Limited transactions were reported in Cotton, Groceries, Iron, Lead, Tin, Zinc, Spelter, Tobacco, Fruit, Hemp, Coal, Candles, Whisky, Whalebone, Chemicals and Naval Stores. Hay, Hides, Hops, Leather, Seeds, Tallow and Ingot Copper were moderately active. Somewhat heavier freight engagements transpired.

The Live Stock markets show an upward tendency this week, all kinds of animals having advanced in price. The supply of most kinds is large, but cool weather sharpens the appetite, and creates a demand which has used up everything on sale. Beeves number 5,366 for the week, 4,350 of which were on sale at Forty-fourth-street on Monday and Tuesday. They went off rapidly at first, under the impression that the supply was not sufficient; but as drove after drove continued to come in up to 2 o'clock P. M. of Tuesday, the trade slackened, and prices fell off somewhat, but all were sold at an average of 7¾c.@8c. ⅌ lb., or near ½c. higher than last week. There were some very fine cattle in the yards, the best of which brought 9½c.@10c.—some to be weighed at the latter price..... Sheep and lambs are scarce, and worth 25c.@30c. ⅌ head more than last week. A fat lot of long wooled sheep will bring 5¾c.@6c. ⅌ lb., live eight..... Live hogs are selling quickly at an advance of ½c. ⅌ lb. The receipts for the week have been 49,580, but with a brisk demand heightened by cold weather. The yards are kept comparatively clear. Prime fat corn fed hogs of large size are worth 4¾c.@5½c. ⅌ lb.

GEN. BLUNT AGAIN VICTORIOUS.—We are more than compensated this morning, in a National point of view, for the defeat which our arms suffered at Hartsville, Tenn., by the news of the great and decisive victory just achieved by Gen. BLUNT in Northwestern Arkansas. The battle was fought last Sunday, between some six or eight thousand Union soldiers, and a vastly greater force of rebels—including all their troops west of the Mississippi, and their Indian allies; and it raged from morning till night, when the enemy were driven over those desolate Boston hills which thrice before have been pressed by their skedaddling footsteps. It is admitted that our force was decimated, and we may well believe, from the character of the troops engaged on our side, and from our advantage in artillery, that the rebel army was even more than decimated.

Gen. BLUNT, though but a "civilian General," is proving himself a magnificent commander. In four hard-fought fields, victory has each time perched upon his eagles. Let him now, with his brave little force, push across Arkansas into Texas, and see if he cannot somewhere in that State discover Major-Gen. BANKS, whose whereabouts have been for some time unknown.

The Efficiency of the Blockade.

Five hundred and forty-three vessels seized by the blockading squadrons, worth, with their cargoes, *forty millions of dollars!* Verily this is a splendid record, and yet it but faintly tells the story of the actual amount of service rendered to the good cause by this ceaseless, noiseless agency.

In casting the fortunes of the war, we are too apt to look exclusively to the battle-field. We measure progress, or the contrary, by bulletins. We must have sounding events, or nothing, we fancy, is doing. This is a mistake. The silent agencies of this war are quite as serviceable in bringing it to a favorable end as gunpowder. We believe, in fact, they are worth more. Of the two we could better afford to give up campaigning than to give up the blockade. The former is at best but of uncertain progress; what is gained to-day may be lost to-morrow, and it is possible that all may end in disasters. The latter knows no vicissitudes, and, if long enough maintained, can possibly have but one result—and that favorable to the belligerent that employs it. What ends a war, where both adversaries are alike courageous, is the *exhaustion* of one of them. It is of little consequence how that exhaustion is produced—whether by blows or by stifling—so that it be brought about. Three years of strict blockade, without aggressive fighting, we believe, would reduce the South to greater weakness than three years of such fighting, without a blockade. But we have it in our power to use both means; and *through both* we expect to subdue this rebellion in less time than three years. In estimating the progress of the war, we should, then, avoid the common error of paying regard only to deeds of arms.

Our fighting has not as yet evoked any such cry of distress as the blockade constantly occasions. The stern, relentless exclusion from all the markets of the world, comes home with sharp effect to every man, woman and child in the Confederacy. It has not only thus wrought great personal distress, but has dragged the rebel Government itself into hopeless bankruptcy, by destroying the value of the Southern staples, upon which it was calculated that public credit could be secured abroad. The cotton-planters have not been able to sell their cotton, because it could not leave the country, and without such sale, they have had only the scantiest means of supporting themselves and their slaves. Those of them who were induced to pledge their cotton to the Government, as a basis for its credit, got nothing in return—the Government expressly refusing to give its notes or bonds for what was of no present value to it. The cotton pledged, it was found, did not add a dime's worth to the Government's credit across the water; and, of course, the Government could not afford to give any of its own credit, poor enough at best, in return. The cotton has proved alike worthless to the planter and to the Government. It was thought to be gold; under the blockade it has turned out to be rubbish.

Of all the countless delusions of the rebels, the most stupendous and the most fatal one was the taking it for granted that the blockade would not be long permitted by Europe—that the necessities of the Old World for the raw material from which millions find work, would perforce override our national rights. It is now settled that our national rights will not be interfered with. Providence has secured this by interposing a greater necessity for the wheat of the North than could possibly exist for the cotton of the South. It is doubtful whether the European Powers, in any event, would have violated our blockade; but, as matters now stand, it is impossible. Peace with the North is the supreme consideration. The blockade will continue unmolested until we choose to end it—in other words, until rebellion yields. And its silent, ceaseless pressure must tell with constantly increasing effect upon the South—paralyzing trade, industry, currency, credit, every thing which in these modern times gives strength and resource to a people. The rebellion, under any circumstances, could not long endure it; least of all, when called to such desperate exertions such as our invading armies must henceforth compel.

THE RELIEF FOR ENGLISH DISTRESS.—A correspondent, representing a prominent mercantile house, and to whose letter we give place, objects to the whole scheme for furnishing relief from this country for Lancashire. He thinks that the movement is not only a mistake, but unnecessary and uncalled for—as the two countries are at bitter enmity, as England is able to take care of her own famished operatives, as the distress there is not so bad as represented, as the proposed action would give more pain and annoyance than gratification to England, and on the whole, that it would be "wrong for America to give and equally wrong for England to receive the proffered assistance," while it would be much better that the fund raised for Lancashire be diverted to the relief of the 180,000 National troops now in hospital.

We do not see that there is anything pertinent in all these statements. The international relief movement can hardly be said to be a "mistake," or to be "unnecessary and uncalled for," when we consider the anxiety of the starving operatives themselves to obtain this very relief from this country, as was shown in a remarkable extract of a letter from England, published by us on Friday last. "The distress among the operatives" *is* far worse than has ever been represented in this journal, if we may believe the horrible and heartrending returns from the different "Unions," the statistics of the Relief Committee, the speeches of Mr. COBDEN and the letters of Lord OSSMORE, the appeals issued by all the members of the Anglican hierarchy to their clergy and parishioners, the unanimous voice of the English Press, and the statements that have found their way into print from the starving men themselves. Never, in all the records of human misery, have we seen horrors piled upon horrors in such fearful volume as they are in the publications and official documents of the Manchester "Central Relief Committee." It is only because our columns are daily filled to repletion with matters relating to the war that we cannot give publicity to these details.

We suppose "England *is* able to relieve all this suffering," but in the meantime the number of idle and famished operatives swells weekly by tens of thousands—so that, increasing at the present ratio, Lancashire will see by the close of the year over a million of human beings dependent upon the dole of charity. If "the two countries are at enmity," we still think it would be magnanimous to feed a perishing foe; but we have shown frequently in our columns, that if the aristocracy, the snobocracy and the shopocracy of England *are* our enemies, these poor starving Englishmen of Lancashire have been our consistent and persistent friends. If it would "pain and annoy England" to receive American donations, it would cheer and save those to whom they were sent, as even now they look with longing eyes for the ships that shall bring them relief from this land of plenty. We do not propose at present to feed the London *Times*, nor Lord JOHN RUSSELL, nor Mr. GLADSTONE, nor the selfish and treacherous men who are even now building piratical vessels to destroy American commerce; and we do not care whether they feel offended or not, provided their poor fellow-countrymen are saved by us from starvation.

As for the 180,000 Union troops in hospital, to whom our correspondent proposes to divert American charity, we can say, that if there is anything needed for the comfort of these sick and wounded heroes, which they have not already got in profusion, the first and most liberal to supply their wants will be, not those who carp at gifts to Lancashire, but those who freely share their abundance with the destitute and suffering, wherever they may be found, at home or abroad.

War Expenditure and its Compensations.

From the report of the Secretary of the Treasury we find that the ordinary Revenue of the year 1861–2 was $51,985,720 76. The derangement of several of the departments of our great industrial and commercial interests, rendered it inevitable that the revenue during the first year of the war, should be smaller than usual. It suffered, however, less than was anticipated. Among the items of which it is made up, direct and internal taxes appear for the first time in twenty-five years. The amount of these war taxes is no more than $1,795,331 73, as they only began to be collected toward the close of the year. Their amount up to July 1, 1863, is estimated at 65 millions, and for the following year at 150 millions, as by that time the Excise machinery will be in full working order.

The loans negotiated during the year have brought into the Treasury $433,595,548, all of which, except a balance of 18 millions, had been disbursed. The whole expenditures of the year amounted to $474,744,778. Of this the army and navy consumed 437 millions, the interest of the debt 13 millions, and the civil Government 24½ millions.

During the current year, Mr. CHASE anticipates that we shall add to our debt 526 millions of dollars, and that the revenue from all sources will amount to 167 millions. The estimated expenditures are, for the army and navy, 543 millions; for interest, 25 millions; for the civil Government, 25 millions. The total outlay will thus amount to 593 millions.

For the year 1864, should the war unhappily be so long continued, Mr. CHASE's opinion is that we must borrow 502 millions, and that we can raise from taxes and other sources 228 millions. The expenditures are estimated at 816 millions, of which the army and navy will require 767 millions, interest of debt 33½ millions, pensions 10 millions, and the cost of the civil government 25 millions.

If these estimates shall prove correct, the outlay of the army and navy alone will, during these three years, amount to 1,837 millions of dollars. But in ordinary peace times our army and navy would probably cost us some 40 millions a year. During the three years, therefore, if we were at peace, we should have to spend 120 millions. Deducting this sum we get, as the extra cost involved by the rebellion, 1,717 millions of dollars, of which Mr. CHASE proposes to borrow 1,551 millions.

This outlay is certainly very considerable. But it may be well for us to remember that other nations, when threatened by great perils, have made still more exhausting efforts for their national defence. If, for instance, we look to England, we shall find that after the close of the great war in 1815, she expended during a quarter of a century of profound peace 379 millions sterling, or 1,895 millions of dollars. To protect herself from the real or supposed designs of her enemies, and to give security to the industry and commerce of her people, Great Britain expended a larger sum than we shall require, even should our struggle for National existence be undecided for another year and a half.

Now as the total private income of the citizens of Great Britain was estimated in 1841 to be 1,850 millions of dollars, it appears that, when on a peace footing, the army and navy of England consume the whole national income of 15 days in every year. Thus the inhabitants, after paying the interest of their national debt, are compelled every year to forego the produce of 15 days' labor, in order to obtain protection and save themselves from being conquered and despoiled of all. Such is the price of security when neighboring nations keep standing armies, and such is the expense which jealousy or mutual distrust entail on every nation in Europe.

By our happy isolation from all rival nations, we have hitherto been free from the prodigious outlay and the political perils incident to large standing armies. Had the malignant spirit of discord been permitted quietly to accomplish the disruption of our glorious Republic, a new policy, foreign to our habits and threatening to our institutions, would have been forced upon us. Once divide our country, and military establishments become a permanent necessity. With a military monarchy, powerful, compact and numerous, placed in our midst in time of peace, what patriot could, without foreboding, contemplate the future as it would affect ourselves, our internal security, our liberties and progress. And, on the other hand, with a strong warlike empire on our Southern borders, who could doubt that military ambition, conflicting interests, national rivalry, fugitive slaves, perpetual border warfare, and the rage for annexation or conquest, would soon throw over this whole continent, and bind upon its people both North and South, the burdens which paralyze the industry, and the institutions which crush the enterprise of the jarring nations of the Old World. The expense of our present war may be great, but the prize at stake is greater still. And the precious, perennial fruits of Union, secured for ourselves, for our children, and for the whole of that vast territorial domain, whose progress and well-being Providence has intrusted to our keeping, are worth all the sacrifices we shall ever be called to make.

A Great National Work.

A proposition was before Congress at its last session to enlarge the Illinois and Michigan Canal and to improve the navigation of the Illinois River, so as to secure a passage for gunboats and armed vessels between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan. The bill was within one or two votes of passing, but was postponed to the present session. It will soon be up for further consideration, and in contemplation of the inquiries that will be made, the General Government detailed Col. J. D. WEBSTER, 1st Regt. Illinois Light Artillery, to examine and report upon the practicability and cost of the proposed work. The report of Col. WEBSTER will be found in our columns to-day.

Col. WEBSTER went over the line of the proposed improvement, and got a general idea of the topography of the country. But he confessedly made no surveys; he merely made use of the surveys of former engineers, and increased their estimates to meet the increased size of canal demanded. In, and of itself, then, Col. WEBSTER's report adds nothing to the scientific knowledge previously possessed on the subject; while the commercial and National bearings of the proposed improvement might have fallen into much more familiar and competent hands, which would not have drawn again the very stale truisms in regard to the extent of the water communication afforded by the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, which are solemnly declared in the report to be "among the grandest features of the geography of the globe." Of the Mississippi River, it is with questionable originality alleged that "its numerous ramifications penetrate a country of unrivaled fertility, and in many parts abounding in the useful metals!" This reads like a child's geography, and is not very creditable to an eminent modern engineer. And even less entitled to respect is the ambitious but very misty tribute paid to the natural advantages of the projected canal line:

"It is one of nature's highways, one of the lines which she marks out for guidance of the great emigrant movements of the race, and by which topography foretells the march of Empire. The cheerless savages traveled by instinct, and now educated intelligence can find no better place for completing and uniting lines of travel and traffic, embracing half a continent."

The lapping of the headwaters of the Calumet River, emptying into Lake Michigan, and the Illinois, emptying into the Mississippi River, furnished a very perfect water level between the Lake and the Mississippi, which the "aboriginal savage" in early days sometimes traversed in his canoe; but surely it was a higher intelligence than "instinct" that taught the "savage" to follow this natural canal in his aboriginal navigation. It is not, therefore, so surprising that "educated" people should find a like convenience of water in passing boats through the country.

But notwithstanding this not very striking report, the proposed canal is of great importance, and will probably be ordered to be constructed by the present Congress. It will commence at Chicago, (Lake Michigan,) and follow the line of the Illinois and Michigan Canal southward to La Salle, on the Illinois River—a distance of ninety-six miles. The present canal will be widened and deepened, so as to have a width of one hundred and sixty feet on the bottom, with sloping rock walls of ten feet. The depth of the canal is to be seven feet, so as to be easily navigable by vessels drawing six feet of water. From La Salle, the Illinois River is to be followed to its junction with the Mississippi River, a distance of 220 miles, in which there is a total fall of 28 feet. It is calculated that seven dams and locks on the Illinois River will afford a sufficient depth of water, the year through, to keep the communication perfect. The locks, both canal and river, it is proposed to make 350 feet long and 60 feet broad. This is something quite unheard of in the size of locks; and their immense capacity may be understood in the explanation that twelve of our present ordinary canal-locks could be put through at one lockage, in from 15 to 20 minutes. The outlet Canal when completed is to be fed from Lake Michigan, which has an elevation sufficient to pour an unceasing stream of its waters toward the Mexican Gulf. And its rise and fall in the course of the year is hardly perceptible to the closest gaugers of its tides, so that its supply to the Canal would be never failing.

The estimated cost of this great work is $12,240,024. The entire length of it (216 miles) will lie in a country as rich as the Valley of the Nile, and substantial and populous, with industry, as that valley never was. The Erie Canal (354 miles long) received in tolls the present year over $5,000,000. The great Illinois Canal, to connect the Mississippi Valley with the Atlantic seaboard, would be a far more imposing work in its beginning than the Erie Canal at its projection was supposed to be.

But it is only in its military aspect and as a means of national defence that Congress can entertain the project. And there is reason on these grounds to justify the work. In case of war with England, that Power could invade the lakes with gunboats and annihilate the immense commerce of our Lake States and the Northwest. It would be of incalculable advantage to the United States in such contingency to be able to turn through the ship canal an iron-clad fleet of light gunboats from the Mississippi River and transports filled with hardy Western soldiers. The ability to do so would insure the sweeping of every vestige of English power from the borders of the lakes, down the St. Lawrence to the ocean and into it.

A WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

THE ARABIA AT HALIFAX.

THE POLITICAL NEWS UNIMPORTANT.

Prince Alfred, of England, and the Grecian Throne.

The Great Prize Fight Between Mace and King for the Championship of England.

MACE KNOCKED OUT OF TIME.

Prospective Fight Between King and Heenan.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The steamship *Arabia*, from Liverpool on the 29th, and Queenstown on the 30th of November, arrived here this forenoon. Her dates are one week later than those already received.

The steamship *Glasgow*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown on the 27th of November.

The steamship *Hammonia*, from New-York, arrived at Southampton on the 26th of November.

The steamship *Scotia*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown on the 28th of November.

The news by the *Arabia* is meagre and unimportant.

The excitement in Greece in favor of placing Prince ALFRED on the Throne continues.

The *Arabia* has 43 passengers and sixty-two pounds sterling for Halifax. No specie for Boston.

The *Arabia* arrived here at 7½ o'clock this morning, and sailed again for Boston at 10 o'clock, where she will be due at an early hour on Thursday morning.

The steamship *Bohemian*, from Quebec, arrived at Liverpool on the 28th of November.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The London *Daily News* devotes an editorial to the refutation of the idea that the Democratic Party can be called conservative. It reviews the course of the party in the past, to show that the assumption of conservatism is absurd.

The London *Morning Post* points out that the virtual want of confidence in the Government at Washington, which the recent elections in the Northern States indicate, furnish that Government with a plausible pretext of retreating from its position with some semblance of dignity. It fears, however, that until that Government is forcibly ejected from power no hope can be entertained of the war being brought to a conclusion.

The London *Army and Navy Gazette* says that Gen. BURNSIDE's choice of base in Aquia Creek gives it but little confidence in the place of the Federal leaders, and it does not believe that the Confederates will quietly submit to the movement.

At a meeting of the Great Ship Company it was stated that if £1,750 was not immediately provided, the steamship *Great Eastern* must pass into other hands. It would also require £5,000 to bring her home. The Directors proposed to raise £100,000, on a mortgage for three years. The ship earned £60,000 in 111 days. SCOTT RUSSELL assumed the general management of the Company. The proposal of the Directors was adopted.

Contributions for the relief of the distressed Lancashire operatives continued on a most munificent scale. The American Chamber of Commerce at Liverpool voted £1,000 to the Relief Fund.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Atlantic Telegraph Company is called for the 15th of December, for the purpose of considering a proposition for the issue of £200,000 new capital in preferential shares of £5 each, bearing eight per cent. interest guaranteed by the British Government in the event of success, and any further profits to be first applied to pay four per cent. on the old capital, and the surplus to an equal division between the old and new, and the formation of a reserve fund.

FRANCE.

The Paris Bourse closed firm on the 29th of November, at 70f. 40c. for the Rentes.

GREECE.

The Greek question continued to be the most prominent topic.

Great demonstrations continued to be made in various parts of Greece in favor of placing Prince ALFRED, of England, upon the throne.

It was rumored that the Russian Government intended to address a communication to the English Government seriously objecting to Prince ALFRED being considered a candidate for the Grecian throne.

The French journals represent that twelve English war vessels have assembled in Piræus, but the London Globe pronounces the statement utterly devoid of foundation.

BELGIUM.

The Belgium Parliament has voted that half a

[illegible] for the Championship of England.

The great prize-fight for the championship of England, between Jem Mace and Tom King, took place on the 24th of November.

After fighting twenty-one rounds, most of which were in favor of MACE, KING put in one of his shifting manœuvres, and knocked Mace insensible.

As MACE did not come to "time" when it was called, KING was declared the victor.

It is reported that JOHN C. HEENAN has agreed to fight KING for the championship—much more to put up $2500 a side.

Foreign News via Canadaqua.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 29.

There is no news of political importance.

PARIS, Saturday, Nov. 29.

The Rentes closed firm, at 68f. 10c. for Rentes.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 29.

The continued in Greece in favor of placing Prince Alfred, of England, upon the throne, continues.

Commercial News by the Arabia.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Nov. 29—A. M.

COTTON—The Brokers' Circular reports the sales of Cotton for the week at 50,000 bales. The market closing with rates 1/4@1/8 higher than on the previous. Prices for American, and M.O.@1/8 higher for Surats. Of the sales, 14,000 were to speculators, and 2,000 to exporters. The sales of Friday were 8,000 bales, the market being dull and prices unchanged. The subjoined quotations are:

	Fair.	Ordinary.		Middling.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	23 1/4d.
[illegible]	25d.	[illegible]	Mobile	21 3/4d.
[illegible]	24d.	[illegible]	Uplands	21d.

The sales of the week are estimated at 272,000 bales, of which 32,000 are for speculation.

BREADSTUFFS.—Advices from the manufacturing districts are unfavorable. The markets were dull, with a declining tendency.

PROVISIONS.—The Provisions market is generally steady, but quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Nov. 27—A. M.

BROWN, SHIPLEY & Co., BARING, MUNTZ & Co., and WARNSTEIN & Co. report: Flour quiet, but steady; American, 27s. @28s. Wheat dull; Red Western, 9s. @9s. 2d.; Red Southern, 9s. 2d. @10s. 2d.; Red Western, 10s. 1d. @10s. 3d.; White Southern, 11s. 2d. @11s. 3d. Corn, quiet; Mixed, 35s. 3d. @36s. 3d. Pork, 51s. 6d. @60s.

BEEF.—The same authorities call the Provisions Market steady, and quote: Beef, quiet, but steady; Pork dull, and unchanged; Bacon quiet and steady; Lard active at 50s. @52s.; Tallow irregular, and tending downward.

PARIS.—The Brokers' Circular reports: "Rentes steady; Fcts. 68c.; Fcwts. 37c. Rents inactive. Spirits Turpentine—sales dull. Sugar very dull. Coffee steady, but steady. Linseed lowpriced. Linseed Oil steady. Cod Oil—no sales. Jute still advancing, and 1c. @ 2c. higher."

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

In the London Money Market the funds were steady. The market was strengthened by the arrival of over £700,000 in specie from the West Indies and New-York. The drain of gold continues, but in a limited form. The demand for discount is moderate.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.—Barnes reports the market for American Securities nominal with small sales. Illinois Central, 61 @ 63 discount.

Consols closed on Friday at 92 @ 92 3/4 for money.

The Bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £150,000.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Nov. 29—Evening.

COTTON quiet and unchanged; sales 10-day 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were to speculators and exporters.

BREADSTUFFS quiet and steady.

PROVISIONS inactive, and tending downward.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 29—Evening.

CONSOLS for money closed at 92 @ 92 3/4. Erie shares 42 @ 43 1/2; Illinois Central 62 @ 63 1/2 discount.

HAVRE, Thursday, Nov. 27.

COTTON Upward, and all descriptions considerably higher, closing, however, very dull; sales of the week 6,000 bales. Quotations nominal. Stock 54,000 bales.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

TAMPICO OCCUPIED BY THE FRENCH.

Gen. Forey Still at Orizaba.—Departure of Lorencez for France.

HAVANA, Thursday, Dec. 4, 1862.

Letters received from Tampico, announce the occupation of that place by the French. Admiral JURIEN DE LA GRAVIERE took possession on the 22d ult., without meeting any resistance. The French force, composed of the Eighty-first Regiment of the Line, 300 marines and a field battery, arrived at the mouth of the river on the 21st ult., and disembarked on the following day, proceeding up the river to the town in launches. On their approach the Government authorities and employes left the place. The Consuls went immediately to the Admiral, requesting him to guarantee tranquillity and order in the town, which he assured them should be done.

The fortifications at the entrance of the river and of the city, had been dismantled, but it being known that the cannon had been carried up the river in some adherent, a gunboat was sent in pursuit, and it was expected would overtake them and get possession.

The French force consisted of 2,000 men, and according to private letters, they were well received by the inhabitants. The fort at the entrance of the river has been occupied by some companies of the expeditionary French force.

In other respects nothing further appears to have been done by the French. Gen. FOREY, continued at Orizaba, and his predecessor, Gen. LORENCEZ, had left for France in the French merchant steamer *Florida*, which brought the news of the occupation of Tampico, having touched at Santiago de Cuba on her voyage hence. The *Prensa*, of Havana, says that Gen. Forey had put in movement a part of his forces in the direction of Puebla, but gives no particulars.

The delay is attributed to the want of means of transport, but this deficiency has been, it appears, partly supplied. The *Diario de la Marina* says on this point as follows:

"We mentioned recently that a pretty large quantity of materials for the railroad of Vera Cruz, which it is proposed to extend to Orizaba, had been contracted for in the United States. We can now add these materials had begun to arrive. In fact, we read in the *Eco Orizaba* of the 11th ult., that on the evening before there had anchored in the port the American vessel *Forest King*, from New-York, laden with sleepers, other articles, and three engineers. Other ships, with like cargoes, were shortly expected."

The *Redactor*, of Santiago de Cuba, mentions in its paper of the 26th ult., that there left that port on the 22d ult., for Vera Cruz, the Bremen merchant vessel *Minerva*, having on board for the French expeditionary army sixty-five mules, with their harness on, thirty bundles of hay, five sacks of corn, and a hogshead of molasses. The French war steamer *Jura* also arrived in the above port, from Vera Cruz, on the 22d ult., for the purpose of coaling, and of taking on board 300 mules.

The *Redactor* mentions, with reference to the news received by the *Jura*, that Gen. FOREY would not move from Orizaba until he had all the necessary means collected for making an attack. The *Diario de la Marina* adds, in explanation: "We know, and have already mentioned it, that what are mostly wanting are mules and wagons."

The *Verdadero Eco de Europa* published at Orizaba, in the interior, says of the French:

"It is said that the population flock in masses to work in the useless fortifications that are being constructed in Puebla and the capital, and rather to frighten them to defend themselves behind them, while decrees are published obliging the citizens of all classes to work on them or to be excused by paying a weekly poll tax to save themselves from the ostracism of twelve days hard labor at the galleys.

Among the last arrivals from Europe at Vera Cruz, were Padre MIRANDA, on his return from his political visit to Paris and London. He left Vera Cruz on the 1st ult. for Orizaba, where he arrived safely. He was accompanied by Gen. Don BENITO FIGUEROA, who likewise proceeded to Orizaba.

The correspondent of the *Prensa*, of Havana, observes that the French force stationed in the military position of Orizaba, had not been reinforced, but that reinforcements for Puebla appeared still very far off, even on paper, and nobody can divine when it will take place. LAW.

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BUCHANAN, Mich., Nov. 7, 1862.

Messrs. Herring & Co., New-York:

GENTS—Our store, which was a three-story and basement brick building, was totally destroyed by the recent extensive fire, which consumed most of the business portion of our town, on the 5th ult. We had two of your Fireproof Safes in use, which were subjected to an intense heat for twenty hours. The heat was so great that some of them that use of the iron wheels are partially melted off; yet the books and papers which it contained are as perfect as before the fire. We are now using the same books and papers which were in both Safes. The bindings of the books are a little drawn by the stiffen from the fireproof filling, which is the only indication of their having passed through the fiery trial.

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NUMBER THREE. BURNING OF THE ALTHAUSE BUILDING. LARGE FIRE CORNER OF GREENE AND HOUSTON-STS., NEW-YORK.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 17, 1862.

MESSRS. HERRING & CO.—GENTS: In answer to your inquiries in regard to my safe, I would answer, that it was one of your make, and has been worth to me many times its cost. It was in my office in the second story of the Althause Building, corner of Houston and Greene sts., on Saturday evening, 15th inst., when that structure was totally destroyed by fire. I found it in the ruins this morning, with evidence on the outside of its having been subjected to great heat. The plates and hinge were melted off, and as it would not unlock, I was obliged to force it open, when, to my great gratification, my books, papers, insurance policies, money, &c., came forth without further damage than was caused by steam, and without hardly the smell of fire upon them. Yours, truly,

A. CARR.

NUMBER FOUR. ANOTHER IN THE SAME FIRE!

NEW-YORK, Nov. 15, 1862.

MESSRS. HERRING & CO.—Gentlemen: The Herring Safe which I lately purchased, contained my books and papers at the time my establishment was destroyed in the fire corner of Houston and Greene sts., on the night of the 13th inst. The Safe was taken out of the ruins yesterday, and on opening, I found the books and papers in a good state of preservation.

You will please send for the old Safe, and when I get into my new office I shall want one of a larger size.

Yours, respectfully, JOHN THOMPSON.

NUMBER FIVE. LARGE FIRE IN POUGHKEEPSIE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Nov. 26, 1862.

Messrs. Herring & Co., New-York:

GENTS: On the night of the 22d inst., a fire occurred in our printing establishment (in the building,) which was completely destroyed. The building was filled with papers and printer's ink, and burnt most furiously and with intense heat. Your safe was in the fire for about ten hours, and when we were able to get at it, and on breaking it open, we found our books and papers in good order, the covers being only a little warped by steam. With slight repairs we consider the Safe good for another fire. Yours, &c., PLATT & SCHRAM,

Per J. R. SCHRAM.

NUMBER SIX. LARGE FIRE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, NOV. 29, 1862.

From the Cleveland Leader.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION—A. STEPHENS & SONS' COFFEE AND SPICE FACTORY BURNED—OTHER PROPERTY INJURED—Loss from $30,000 to $40,000.

About 6¼ o'clock on Sunday morning, a fire broke out in the rear of A. Stephens & Sons' coffee and spice manufactory, at No. 26 Merwin-st., resulting in a disastrous conflagration.

The store of A. Stephens & Sons was entirely consumed, and the two stores adjoining.

Stephens & Sons' insurance on stock amounts to $15,000. Their loss above insurance cannot be calculated exactly, but is believed to be not less than $20,000. They held a policy of insurance of $500 on their portion of the building, on their lease, in the Washington Insurance Company, of New-York. A box containing 8 pounds of cream of tartar, and a bundle of 500 labels, is all that they know to have been saved, except the articles contained in their safe.

The safe, manufactured by HERRING & CO., was found all right, although it had been subjected to a tremendous heat. At one time it was red hot. When dug out, after the fire, it was opened, with the key, and the papers and money contained therein, found to be uninjured. There was between $3,000 and $3,500 in money in this safe.

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BROWN—VAN NORMAN.—In this City, on Monday, Dec. 8, by Rev. D. C. Van Norman, Lewis M. Brown to Louisa, eldest daughter of the officiating clergyman.

HULL—DUBOIS.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Calvary Church, by Rev. Horace L. E. Pratt, of Staten Island, Dr. Joseph J. Hull, of this City, to MARY BERGEZIER, eldest daughter of Cornelius Du Bois, of Staten Island.

MARVIN—BEST.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 9, by Rev. J. B. Bagany, of the Bedford-st. M. E. Church, Mr. Jesse Marvin, of Greenwich, Conn., to Miss Jennie Best, of New-York City.

MANGAM—HARVEY.—In this City, E. D., on Saturday, Dec. 6, by Rev. W. H. Parsons, Mr. Alonzo Fox to Miss MARGARET HARVEY, daughter of the late James Harvey.

☞ Hartford papers please copy.

DIED.

BRUNE.—In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 7, after a long and painful illness, EMMA, wife of Grimm Brune, in the 27th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 112 Sixth-st., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 1 o'clock, without further invitation.

BURNHAM.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, after a short illness, WOLFGREEN CORE, second son of W. and Rosa J. Burnham, aged 10 years and 4 months.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from Christ Church, Division-av., Brooklyn, E. D., on Thursday next, at 2 o'clock P. M. His remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

Star Obituary.—In Kingsland, N. J., on Saturday, Dec. 6, JEANNETTE, youngest child of Andrew A. and Maria Brenner, aged 2 years and 11 months.

DEACLE.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, of scarlet fever, MARGARET VIRGINIA, aged 3 years and 9 months, and GEORGE YARLAND, aged 11 months, beloved children of Lorenzo D. and Elizabeth Deacle.

Due notice of the funeral will be published hereafter.

DAYTON.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, after a short illness, HARVEY DAYTON, aged 45 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 104 West 46th-st., on Thursday morning, Dec. 11, at 9 o'clock. His remains will be taken to Westchester County for interment by the 10½ train of the Harlem Railroad.

FURNIAN.—In this City, on Saturday, Dec. 6, after a long illness, SAMUEL FURNIAN.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 10 o'clock, at his late residence, No. 12 West 26th-st., without further invitation. The remains will be taken to New-Brunswick, N. J., for interment.

GROTE.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Dec. 8, at No. 102 Amity-st., ANNA, wife of Frederick R. Grote, aged 28 years and 10 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Thursday, at 2½ P. M.

HOYT.—On Sunday, Dec. 7, after a lingering illness, CATHARINE, wife of Joseph E. Hoyt, aged 48 years.

A short service will be held at No. 58 East 22d-st., on Wednesday, at 11½ A. M., after which the remains will be taken, by the 12½ P. M. train, to Newburgh, where funeral services will be held at the Baptist Church. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice.

HOWELL.—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 9, ELLEN M., wife of Charles J. Howell, aged 26 years.

The relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at her late residence, No. 181 East 86th-st., this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Her remains will be taken to Bellport, Long Island, for interment.

ISHAM.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, Dec. 5, suddenly, after a short but severe illness, HENRY H., only son of Alfred H. and Delia M. Isham, aged 24 years.

His remains were taken to Esperance, Schoharie County, N. Y., for interment.

LLANEDEE.—At New-Rochelle, on Tuesday, Dec. 9, HANNAH ELEANOR, only daughter of George and Hettie Lambdee.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the funeral, from the Methodist Church, at 2 o'clock on Thursday.

OLMSTED.—In Ridgefield, Conn., on Tuesday, Dec. 9, SETH OLMSTED, father of Rev. M. N. Olmsted, of the N. Y. Conference.

His funeral will be attended from the M. E. Church, in Ridgefield, on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 11 A. M.

OSGOOD.—In Newbern, N. C., on Tuesday, Dec. 2, SAMUEL OSGOOD, of this City, aged 52 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

PARKS.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 9, Miss SARAH PARKS, daughter of the late Peter Parks, in the 74th year of her age.

Her friends and relatives are invited to attend her funeral, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 9 Houston-st., without further notice.

SNOWHILL.—At Spotswood, N. J., on Tuesday morning, Dec. 9, ANDREW SNOWHILL, aged 79 years.

His friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, on Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock.

VAN WYCK.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Dec. 8, JANNE VAN WYCK, widow of the late Nehemiah Denton.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, Franklin-av., first house north of Gates-av., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 1 o'clock.

WILKINS.—In this City, on Monday, Dec. 8, JOSANNA, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Wilkins, of Westchester, aged 20 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at St. Peter's Church, Westchester, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 1 o'clock, without further invitation.

WOODRUFF.—In Spencertown, Columbia County, N. Y., on Sunday, Dec. 7, Rev. TIMOTHY WOODRUFF, D. D.

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"The cotton famine," says the London Times, "is every day becoming more acute, and before the Winter is ended the sufferings of the people will prove the greatest misfortune that they we have had since the Irish famine."

When the Irish famine prevailed in 1847 the American people, from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, gladly gave of their abundance; our Government furnished transportation for the food; the British Government adopted measures for its distribution; and the Queen, whose virtues fully illustrate her words, recognized the friendliness of the act.

Again we are called upon in the name of humanity, to relieve men, women and children, who are consumed, without fault of their own, to fire a more fearful enemy than famine. The appeal comes to us from those whom God in His Providence has placed most beneficially. And all the trials He has permitted us to meet in the defence of National unity and constitutional freedom, unmitigated hunger has had no place; and despite the willingness of an army of citizens to protect the liberties of the Republic, the labors of those who remained behind to so bountifully bless us that America is able, from her surplus, to succor humanity to other countries.

Let us not be unmindful at this moment of the vast population looking upon us by the assistance of the Ruler of nations, not permit our prayers and hopes to lead us to forget, or to underrate, the peculiar duties that belong to our position. Our agricultural efforts extended over a wide and fertile territory, as yet thinly populated, have made our land one of the granaries, to which the nations of Europe that remain entirely or partly manufacturers now look for food; and the operatives of Lancashire have poverty deprived of American cotton, have more than ever occasion, the American corn.

Let that corn be forwarded with the gladness that becomes a people who have witnessed the greatest trial that can befall a nation; and who know the value of sympathy generously tendered in the moment of adversity. Let us show our gratitude to Providence for all its mercies, by remembering the duties of Christian brotherhood, and hasten to relieve the want whose sharp cry comes to us across the ocean.

The Homestead act of Congress, which gives to each settler in our Western Territories, without regard to his nationality, one hundred and sixty acres of the public land, offers to every foreigner a welcome and a home; and a thousand acres of the suffering demands his aid and relief, and remains as of the earliest proverb—"He gives twice who gives quickly."

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To this end the undersigned, who have been appointed by the citizens of New-York, to act in concert with similar bodies, urgently recommend the citizens of every city, town and village throughout the Union to call public meetings and form local committees to collect such moneys and food as Committees in the neighborhood; and they respectfully ask the Clergy of all denominations and sects to take up the subject before their congregations, and to take measures to insure that all according to their ability, may share in this national and truly Christian work.

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Bronze groups and figures;

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And a general variety of choice goods. For particulars, see catalogue, at sale.

N. B. An invoice of accordeons and musical-boxes will be sold at commencement of sale.

A. M. CUSTALAN, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE.—DIAMOND AND GOLD JEWELRY.—Gold and silver watches, jeweled and double-time English and Swiss lever watches, by A. M. CUSTALAN, No. 29 Bowery, on THURSDAY, Dec. 11, 1862, at 10½ o'clock. WATCHES—Consisting of fine gold and 18-carat hunting and open-face patent and full-jeweled levers; fine gold and 18-carat hunting and open-face cylinders and detached levers; gold and silver hunting chronometers, double-time nickle levers; fine gold and 18-carat hunting and open-face duplex and chronometers, and ladies' gold hunting diamond and enameled watches; about 50 dozen silver hunting English patent levers; silver hunting nickel movement cylinders and anchors; silver gilt and nickel movement cylinders; detached levers, cylinders, imitation hunters; together with a large assortment of other watches too numerous to mention. MOVEMENTS—Full ruby jeweled double-time independent second, straight-line and nickle movements, and English and full-jeweled patent levers; also, a large lot of jewelry. DIAMONDS—Single stone and cluster diamond rings, brooches and ear-rings; single stone and cluster sets chatelaine and studs; one splendid cluster diamond ornament, containing over 150 stones; about 60-carat loose brilliants, in stock; and a variety of other diamond articles. CHAINS—Gold gaspipe and chatelaine chains in great variety. JEWELRY—Gold, cameo, lava, coral and pearl sets, brooches, earrings, studs, sleeve buttons, charms, armlets, bracelets, chatelaine, plain stone and seal rings, watch keys, pencil-cases, spectacles, etc., and a large assortment of other articles too numerous to mention. The trade are especially invited to the above sale, in which will be found a large line of desirable goods. Catalogues on morning of sale. Also, at private sale, a large size Herring fire and Burglar proof iron safe.

HERT B. LEEDS & CO., Auctioneers.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF JEWELRY.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, December 10, at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom, No. 23 Nassau-st., Assignee's sale of a large and valuable stock of fine Jewelry, Watches, Chains, &c., by order of W. DEEY, Esq., Assignee, being the entire balance of the stock, a portion of which was sold by us November 5, comprising the stock of a large wholesale importer and dealer, to be sold without reserve, to close the concern, consisting of fine gold and silver lever and lepine watches, chains, coral, mosaic, Florentine, lava, garnet, turquoise, amethyst and other sets, book and box lockets, sleeve-buttons and studs of every description, chains, ear-rings, set and unset, snaps, &c., &c. The trade and others are particularly invited to examine this valuable stock on the morning of sale, as every article will be positively sold without reserve.

A. S. RICHARDS, Auctioneer.

1,000 CASES BOOTS, SHOES, BROGANS, gaiters, and rubbers, at auction, by RICHARDS & WHITING, on WEDNESDAY, December 10, at 10½ o'clock, at the store, No. 67 Cortlandt-st. Comprising in part of men's grain, calf and kip boots; also, boys' and youth's thick and kip boots, of various qualities, and ladies' wear of all kinds. Catalogues on morning of sale.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1862.

THE MEMBERS OF METROPOLITAN L. No. 273, F. and A. M. are requested to attend the next regular Communication to be held THURSDAY EVENING, 11th inst., at Tiemann's Hall, Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and other important business. By order,

JOHN SHEVILLE, M.

CHESTER H. DAVIS, Secretary.

CHARTER OAK LODGE, NO. 249, F. AND A. M.—The members of this Lodge are earnestly requested to be punctual in their attendance at the next regular communication in Gothic Room, O. S. Hall, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 10, 1862. Full attendance is desired, in order to consider an amendment to the By-laws, and transact other important business.

By order, WM. C. PECKHAM, W. M.

WM. B. SMITTON, Secretary.

SEWING MACHINES.

NO. 486 BROADWAY, COR. BROOME-ST., UP STAIRS, OPPOSITE E. V. HAUGHWOUT & CO.'S.

THE NEW-YORK SEWING-MACHINE EMPORIUM is well stocked with the best Sewing-Machines in the market, such as the Wheeler & Wilson's, Grover & Baker's, Singer's, &c., &c., and offers superior inducements to those who intend purchasing. Such persons are invited to call at

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where they can compare the various first-class machines. Parties purchasing and in doubt which to select, can have the PRIVILEGE OF EXCHANGING WITHIN THIRTY DAYS, for one of another make, thereby securing a machine to their entire satisfaction. Machines sold at regular manufacturers' prices, as per the recently

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ROCKWELL & EMERSON, No. 20 Ann-st.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR INDIAN GOODS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS, Nov. 17, 1862.

Sealed Proposals indorsed "Proposals for Indian Goods," addressed to the undersigned, will be received in the City of New-York, until 12 o'clock, M., on Wednesday, the 10th day of December next, for furnishing the following-named articles:

CLASS NO. 1.

Mackinac Blankets, Clothing, and Dry Goods.

3,000 pairs 3 point white Mackinac blankets, to measure 60 by 72 inches, and weigh 6½ pounds.

2,000 pairs 2½ point white Mackinac blankets, to measure 54 by 66 inches, and weigh 4 pounds.

700 pairs 2 point white Mackinac blankets, to measure 52 by 64 inches, and weigh 3½ pounds.

600 pairs 1½ point white Mackinac blankets, to measure 48 by 60 inches, and weigh 3 pounds.

100 pairs 1 point white Mackinac blankets, to measure 38 by 50 inches, and weigh 2½ pounds.

1,200 pairs 3 point scarlet Mackinac blankets, to measure 60 by 72 inches, and weigh 6½ pounds.

700 pairs 2½ point scarlet Mackinac blankets, to measure 54 by 66 inches, and weigh 4 pounds.

100 pairs 2 point scarlet Mackinac blankets, to measure 52 by 64 inches, and weigh 3½ pounds.

2,500 short hearth rugs.

75 dozen wooden spoons.

1,650 dozen table spoons (iron.)

50 dozen axes, to weigh 4½ to 6½ pounds.

800 dozen half axes, to weigh 2 pounds, (with handles.)

800 dozen hatchets.

50 dozen fire steels.

800 pounds brass wire.

160 pounds best Chinese vermilion.

600 pounds steel beads.

100 dozen butcher knives.

100 dozen shoemakers' knives.

330 dozen assay hatchets.

12 dozen 4½-inch flat files.

20,000 pounds tobacco.

CLASS NO. 4.

Guns, Ammunition, &c.

600 rifles, cap-lock, (half range ball.)

200 shot-guns, (double barrel.)

150 kegs powder.

1,000,000 water-proof caps.

500 bags Traill balls.

200 belts.

100 powder-horns.

5,000 flints.

2½ dozen gun nipples.

200 wrenches.

Goods of American manufacture, of the required styles and quality, will be preferred; but, as the samples of blankets and cloths are foreign fabrics, it will be necessary, in proposing a domestic article of either of those kinds, that a sample thereof shall accompany the bid. The articles to be furnished must in all respects conform to and be equal with the Government samples, which may be seen at this office on and after the 20th instant. The articles will be rigidly inspected, and compared with the samples by an agent or agents appointed for that purpose. Such as may be unusual articles, in any particular, will be rejected; in which case the contractor will be bound to furnish others of the required kind or quality within three days, or, if that be not done, they will be purchased at his expense. Payment will be made for the goods received on invoices thereof, certified by the agent or agents appointed to inspect them; it is to be understood that the right will be reserved to require a greater or less quantity of any of the articles named than that specified in the above schedule; and all bids for furnishing said articles may be rejected at the option of the Department; and that none from persons who have failed to comply with the requirements of a previous contract with the United States, or who are not manufacturers or wholesale dealers in the required articles will be considered; and the fact that bidders are such to be satisfactorily established must be evidenced by the certificate of the Collector of the port where they reside, or where it is proposed to deliver the articles. The proposals must embrace the articles, with the quantities thereof as they are arranged in the above schedule, with the amount of each, in dollars and cents, at which they are to be furnished; and the amounts must be carried out and footed up for each class. Said prices and amounts must be so given, without any modification, or proposed modification, or variation whatever. They should be submitted with the following form, viz.: "I (or we) hereby propose to furnish for the service of the Indian Department, and according to the terms of its advertisement thereof, dated Nov. 17, 1862, the following articles, at the prices thereto affixed, (here insert the list according to the class or classes proposed for,) deliverable in the City of New-York by the first day of April next, or at such time or times during the year 1863 as may be ordered by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and if the proposal be accepted (here insert the words 'in whole' or 'in part,') I (or we) will, within twenty days thereafter, execute a contract accordingly, and give security, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for the faithful performance o the same. Such proposal must be accompanied by a guaranty in the following form, to be signed by two or more responsible persons, whose sufficiency must be certified to by a United States Judge or District-Attorney: "We hereby jointly and severally guaranty that the above bidder, (or bidders,) if a contract shall be awarded to him, (or them,) according to his or their bid or proposal, will execute a contract accordingly, and give the requisite security for the performance thereof, as prescribed in the advertisement for proposals for Indian goods, dated 17th of November, 1862; and, in the event of his (or their) failure so to do, we hereby agree to bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and assigns, to forfeit and pay the United States, as damages, a sum not less than fifteen per cent on the amount of said bid or proposal." Bonds will be required in the amount of the bid for the faithful performance of the contract, with two or more sureties, whose sufficiency must be certified by a United States Judge or District-Attorney. No proposal will be considered that does not strictly conform in all particulars to the terms and directions of this advertisement. WM. P. DOLE, Commissioner.

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS, Nov. 25, 1862.

Since the above advertisement, dated the 17th inst., for "Proposals for Indian Goods," was published, it has been decided to take from Class No. 3 the 20,000 pounds of tobacco called for, and let it form Class No. 5. Although there is a sample of the tobacco in this office, bidders are requested to forward samples with their bids for consideration. W. P. DOLE, Commissioner.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the School Officers of the Eighth Ward, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Wednesday, the seventeenth day of December, instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the erection and completion of a new school-house, including steam heating apparatus, to be built on the lots now occupied by Ward School No. 5, in said Ward. Plans and specifications for said school-house, including steam heating apparatus, can be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 24 Crosby-st. Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed, "Proposals for Mason Work;" "Proposals for Carpenter Work;" "Proposals for Painting;" "Proposals for Heating." Proposals for the heating must be accompanied with accurate drawings and descriptions of the apparatus intended to be furnished, otherwise they will be rejected. Two responsible and approved sureties will be required from each successful bidder, and no proposal will be considered in which no sureties are named.

The School Officers of the Ward reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered, if deemed for the public interest to do so.

WILLIAM WESTERFIELD, Chairman Bord of School Officers Eighth Ward.

WILLIAM H. EGAN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1862.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hoboken, N. J., at the Council Chamber, in Odd Fellows' Hall, up to the 12th day of December, 1862, for grading, paving and flagging portions of Fourth and Willow streets in said city. Plans, specifications and all other information can be obtained by applying at the Council Chamber, or to C. F. COLWIN, Esq., City Surveyor, No. 79 Washington-st., Hoboken.

CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN, Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Assessments.

PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Board of Commissioners of Street and Road Opening, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of December instant, at 12 o'clock, M., for the opening of Fifty-fourth-street, from the East River to the Bloomingdale road, in the City of New-York, pursuant to plans and specifications on file and to be seen at the office of the Board, No. 24 Crosby-st. Proposals must be made in the form required by the Commissioners, and be accompanied with the bond required by the statutes, with the names of two responsible persons, who are freeholders, and whose sureties will be required from the successful bidder. The Board of Commissioners of the Ward reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered, if deemed for the interest of the Ward so to do.

JAMES E. MILLER, THOMAS KENNEDY, NICHOLAS SEGEN, JOHN BEEKMAN, E. HERBERT WILLIAMS, JOHN G. CHAMBERLAIN, Commissioners of the Board of Street Commissioners.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1862.

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The Investment on these Bonds has the usual Government security, and affords a portion of Maynard's November issue, in Gold, payable at the rate of Eleven per Cent. per annum.

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Parties now desirous to become the owners of Government Securities, will find these Bonds the most advantageous investment they can make, PARTIES WHO PAY THE LARGEST INTEREST ON THEIR MONEY, and who are desirous of becoming the owners of a portion of the bonds of the government.

They are the bonds upon which the government may rely through the compliance and protection of the present Congress, and are the most available security for the government to place in the hands of its friends.

Persons who are desirous of making an investment in these securities, have the opportunity to do so at the public sale every Friday, and may thus be enabled to contribute to the Union, and at the same time secure the largest interest-bearing security ever issued by the government.

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The Interest accruing on these Bonds, under Section Twenty-Three of the Act of Congress, March 3, 1862, is exempt from all taxes, whether of the Government, or any State or municipality, and, therefore, the holder of the Bond, or the owner of the Certificate, receives the full amount of the Interest, free from any tax, or deduction, which is a material consideration to all who are subject to taxation.

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JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.

Office of the Jeffersonville Railroad Co., Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 1, 1862.

Notice is hereby given that this Company will redeem on the 1st day of January, 1863, at the Union Trust Company, New-York City, at the lowest offer below par, a part of its First Mortgage Bonds, agreeable to the provisions of a contract made between this Company and the holders of said Mortgage Bonds, bearing date April 14, 1862. Offers for the same will be addressed to the undersigned, at Jeffersonville, Indiana, or to the United States Trust Company, as above stated, stating the lowest price at which they will be accepted, and the amount of said Bonds offered.

Bids will be received until the 1st day of January, 1863, when the lowest outstanding offer will be accepted.

J. E. McCAMPBELL,
Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.

Office Cleveland and Toledo Railroad Co., Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1862.

This Company is now prepared to pay the coupons of Bonds, Vermilyea & Co., No. 44 Wall-st., New-York, Bank, New-York, with coupons attached, viz.: Toledo Railroad, 7s Mortgage Bonds, due Nov. 1, 1863. Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland 1st Mortgage Bonds, due 1864. Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland 2d Mortgage Bonds, due Sept. 1, 1868.

The principal of the bonds of the three classes of coupon bonds, will cease from and after this date. The principal of the coupon bonds will be paid on surrender of the bonds, at the Cleveland Bank, Cleveland, 3 per cent. Government Stock bought, sold, and exchanged.

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NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF JEFFERSONVILLE R. R. CO.'S FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.—Public notice is hereby given, in accordance with the terms of agreement between the Jeffersonville Railroad Company and the holders of its First Mortgage Bonds, dated April 14, 1862, that the United States Trust Company of New-York, as Trustee under said agreement, offers to buy said Bonds, at the lowest price this Company will be willing to pay, if offered before this will be accepted until the 1st day of January, 1863, when the lowest outstanding offer will be accepted.

J. E. McCAMPBELL,
Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.

Office Cleveland and Toledo Railroad Co., Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1862.

This Company is now prepared to pay the coupons of Bonds, Vermilyea & Co., No. 44 Wall-st., New-York, Bank, New-York, with coupons attached, viz.: Toledo Railroad, 7s Mortgage Bonds, due Nov. 1, 1863. Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland 1st Mortgage Bonds, due 1864. Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland 2d Mortgage Bonds, due Sept. 1, 1868.

The principal of the coupon bonds of the three classes of coupon bonds, will cease from and after this date. The principal of the coupon bonds will be paid on surrender of the bonds, at the Cleveland Bank, Cleveland, 3 per cent. Government Stock bought, sold, and exchanged.

JOHN GARDINER, President.

U. S.
FIVE-TWENTY LOAN,
FOR SALE.

These Bonds, bearing gold interest, payable semi-annually in gold, are the most desirable security for investment, yielding from date of subscription, nearly eleven per cent. per annum. Subscriptions received at the Mint, and 1,000s (Coupon or registered) can be had of the current issue.

Parties desirous of investing can do so through no commission by sending the amount to the Mint, or, otherwise, will receive immediate attention by mail, or otherwise, if they address

LAWRENCE, BLEWS & CO.,
No. 34 Wall-st., New-York.
Bankers and Dealers in Securities.

WANTED—MORTGAGES ON CITY AND COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, in sums from $500 to $5,000; also, City Bonds; also, Bonds and Mortgages; Stock in ALBANY & HUDSON R. R. Co. ALBERT H. HOOLAY, No. 47 Wall-st.

CALIFORNIA COUPONS BOUGHT AND SOLD, or collected by AUGUST BELMONT & CO., 63 Wall-st.

DIVIDENDS

NOTICE.—THE TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY, have declared a dividend of Six per cent. of the coupons due April 1, 1862, being the balance due on said coupons, payable on and after MONDAY, the 15th day of December, 1862, at the office of the Treasurer, in Jeffersonville. For the convenience of Bondholders in New-York and elsewhere, the dividend will be paid ten thirty days from and after the 15th December, at the office of ALEXANDER HAMILTON, Jr., No. 41 Wall-st., Jamieson-court.

Dated, Dec. 6, 1862.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE & HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1862.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Three and a Half per Cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after FRIDAY, the 26th of December next.

The transfer books are now closed, and will remain closed until the morning of the 26th inst.

By order of the Board,
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

SEVENTH WARD BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1862.

FIFTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—THE PRESIDENT and Directors have declared a Dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free from tax, payable on demand, being in anticipation of the usual January dividend.

By order of the Board,
N. S. FRASER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE KNICKERBOCKER ICE COMPANY, No. 425 Canal-st., NEW-YORK, Nov. 29, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—THE KNICKERBOCKER ICE COMPANY will pay a dividend of Five Per Cent. to the Stockholders on and after Dec. 15. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 15th inst., inclusive.

THEO. BROWNING, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1862.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Eight (8) Per Cent. upon the capital stock of the Company, (free of the Government tax,) payable at their office, No. 49 Wall-st., on and after Monday, Dec. 1, 1862.

HENRY A. OAKLEY, Secretary.

MERCHANTS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1862.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a dividend of Three per Cent. (free of tax,) payable on Monday, Dec. 1. The Transfer Books will be closed from Nov. 26 to Dec. 1.

J. D. VERMILYE, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 2 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1862.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Four (4) Per Cent., payable on demand. Free of Government tax.

E. W. BLEECKER, Sec'y.

SAVINGS BANKS

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner 23d-st. and 34th-st.
Chartered 1854.
Six per cent. interest allowed.
DEPOSITS MADE ON OR BEFORE JAN. 1, WILL DRAW INTEREST FROM THAT DATE.
Bank open daily from 10 to 3; also on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.
SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
AUGUSTUS F. LEE, Secretary.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
CHATHAM-SQUARE, NEW-YORK.
Open Daily from 10 to 3 P. M. Deposits from 25 cents to $2,000 received. SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID on sums of $500 and under. 5 per cent. on larger deposits.
M. D. VAN PELT, Pres't.
Jos. F. Cocozza, Secy. CHAS. D. BAILEY, Treas.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 1 2d-av., corner 7th-st.
Open from 9 to 2 o'clock daily, and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.
THOS. B. STILLMAN, President.
ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION—NO. 96 Warren-st.—Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on sums from $1 to $500, and 5 per cent. on sums over that amount. Open Daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. Also on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings, from 4 to 7 P. M. R. M. SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer.
WALTER W. CONKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BURTON, Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN WILL hold a special meeting in their Chamber on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10, at 4 o'clock P. M. The members are requested to attend.

JAMES M. SWEENY, Clerk.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.: Regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter in Christopher-street, from Hudson-street to the North River, and the East River, with the cross or intersecting streets. The limits embraced by such assessment, include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of Christopher-street, between Chatham-street and James-slip, on the east side of Chatham-street, between Pearl and North William-street, on both sides of William-street between Pearl and North William-streets, on both sides of Duane-street, between Pearl and Frankfort-streets, on both sides of Duane-street between Rose and William streets, on both sides of Madison-street between Pearl-street and New-Bowery, on both sides of Pearl-street between William-street and New-Bowery, on both sides of Chestnut-street, between Madison and Oak-street, on both sides of Oak-street between Chestnut-street and James-street, on both sides of Roosevelt-street between Batavia-street and New-Bowery, on both sides of Batavia-street between Roosevelt and James streets, on both sides of James-street and James-slip between Batavia and South streets, on both sides of Cherry and Water streets between Oliver and Roosevelt streets, on west side of South-street between Roosevelt and Oliver streets. All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at the office, No. 23 Chambers-street, basement new Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEILL,
JACOB F. OAKLEY,
WM. A. DOOLEY,
Board of Assessors.
OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW COURT HOUSE, Dec. 9, 1862.

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JACOB F. OAKLEY,
WM. A. DOOLEY,
Board of Assessors.
OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW COURT-HOUSE, Dec. 6, 1862.

THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 8, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Committee will have an opportunity of being heard.

IRA A. ALLEN,
C. J. JEREMIAH,
Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, in the City Library Room, City Hall.

ALEX. FREAR,
IRA A. ALLEN,
WILLIAM WALSH,
Committee on Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.—Notice is hereby given that all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December next will be charged with one per cent., and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 20th day of December next with two per cent., and on the 1st day of January next at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from the 23d day of September, 1862.

JAMES KELLY, Receiver.

DENTISTRY

DR. GRIFFIN, NO. 283 GRAND-ST., New-York, opposite Lord & Taylor's, and No. 387 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, Are inserting full or partial sets of their improved Artificial Teeth, with or without extracting the roots. Full sets on gold or platina, $25; silver or rubber, $10; partial sets, gold, per tooth, $3; silver or rubber, $1.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—BALLO IN MASCHERA—OPERA.
Director ..... J. GRAU
POSITIVELY LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.
LAST NIGHT BUT ONE OF THE OPERA.
THIRD (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, Dec. 10,
For the first and only time on the same evening,
THE THREE PRIME DONNE,
GUERRABELLA, COSSIER, MORENSI.
Notice.—The public are respectfully informed that notwithstanding the very great success of the season, it is entirely impossible to extend it beyond the present week, as the company will have to leave for Philadelphia to open the Academy there next week—the only one which can be given in the disposal of the Manager.
Mr. GRAU will endeavor to make arrangements for a second season to commence in January.
Seats can now be secured for re-election IL BALLO IN MASCHERA, and Friday's LAST OPERA NIGHT, at the Academy of Music, Box & Bookkeeper's, No. 701 Broadway; Ellell & Blake's, Brigham's, Richard Amodio, Reinhart's, Hall's, Dubreuil, Samuel Mme. Marietta and Mons. Tophoff are engaged for the ballet, consisting of
1. Resurrita by Mme. Marietta and Mons. Tophoff.
2. Bigaux Masque grand Ballo Fantasque Gallop, by Mme. Marietta, Mons. Tophoff and the Corps de Ballet.
Conductor and Musical Director ..... Signor MUZIO
ON FRIDAY, Dec. 12, LAST OPERA NIGHT.
ON SATURDAY NEXT, LAST GRAND MATINEE.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—LAST MATINEE.
SATURDAY, DEC. 13, AT ONE O'CLOCK,
LAST GRAND MATINEE.
Full particulars in to-morrow's paper.
Tickets for the Matinée can be obtained at the usual ticket offices to-morrow.
The company leaves next week for Philadelphia.

GERMAN OPERA.
No. 428 Broadway, corner of Broome-st.
DIRECTOR ..... CARL ANSCHUTZ
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 10, 1862,
FORTY-EIGHTH OPERA NIGHT,
By special and unanimous desire, Lortzing's new and universally successful opera of
THE POACHER, (DER WILDSCHUTZ.)
Will be repeated for the 50th time. The style in which this opera has been produced, and its novel and amusing character, have caused it to be classed
THE OVERWHELMING APPLAUSE,
AND UPROARIOUS MERRIMENT.
Of crowded audiences.
The matchless Overture, and the
CHARMING JUVENILE CHORUS OF FIFTY,
Combined with all the leading Artists of the establishment, rendering the Musical ensemble
PERFECT AND COMPLETE.
THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 11,
GRAND TESTIMONIAL BENEFIT TO CARL ANSCHUTZ,
When Beethoven's master work, "Fidelio," will be presented.
Box Book now open.

MISS TERESA CARRENO,
THE CHILD PIANIST.
In consequence of the overcrowded house on Tuesday evening, and in view of the fact that the sale of tickets was necessarily restricted, Miss Carreño will give
HER LAST NEW YORK GRAND CONCERT
On THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11,
AT IRVING HALL,
Assisted by the following Artists,
Mme. JENNY KEMPTON,
Mr. WILLIAM CASTLE,
Mr. THEODOR THOMAS,
Signor ABELLA, and others.
Tickets, 50 cents. Reserved seats, 50 cents extra.
On SATURDAY, at 12 o'clock,
(positively last and positively last matinée,)
Miss CARRENO'S ONLY MORNING CONCERT.
For the accommodation of families, schools and children.

HOPE CHAPEL.—TIBBELL'S CALIFORNIA will remain for a short time longer. The Deaf-Mutes will attend the exhibition THIS EVENING.

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH-AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR, AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
AFRICA, Anderson, leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 10.
CHINA, Cook, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 17.
ARABIA, Stone, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 24.
BOHEMIA, Judkins, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 31.
EUROPA, Moore, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 7.
PERSIA, Lott, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 14.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $140
Second Cabin Passage 100
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $140
Second Cabin Passage 90
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling Green.

STEAM TO LONDONDERRY, GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.
The Montreal Steamship Company's first-class full-powered Clyde-built iron steamships
HIBERNIAN,
Capt. Graham, carrying the Canadian and United States mails, will sail from Portland next SATURDAY, Dec. 13.
Rates of passage from New-York—First-class, according to accommodations, $100 and $80; Steerage, found with good provisions, $40. Certificates issued for bringing out passengers from the Continent. The principal towns in Great Britain and Ireland at very low rates. For passage apply at No. 25 Broadway, New-York.
SABEL & SEARLE, General Agents.

M. O. ROBERTS' LINE OF STEAMSHIPS
For SAN FRANCISCO and OREGON. AMERICA will leave for ASPINWALL on THURSDAY, Dec. 11, at 12 o'clock noon, from foot of Warren-st., North River, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR at Panama.
For passage, apply at the office of
M. O. ROBERTS,
No. 177 West-st., corner Warren-st., New-York.

STEAM WEEKLY TO LIVERPOOL, Touching at Cork Harbor, Mail Steamships
[illegible] will sail as follows:
CITY OF MANCHESTER ..... Saturday, Dec. 13
ARABIA ..... Saturday, Dec. 20
CITY OF BALTIMORE ..... Saturday, Dec. 27
Steerage passage, at lowest rates, from First Rate Steamships.
RATES OF PASSAGE:
From New-York to Liverpool, Cabin, $100; Steerage to London $35
From New-York to Londonderry, Cabin ..... 100; Steerage to Paris 40
From New-York to Hamburg, Cabin ..... 110; Steerage to Hamburg 40
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at equally low rates.
Passage from Liverpool or Queenstown: First Cabin, $100, $110, $125. Steerage from Liverpool, $30. From Queenstown, $30. Those who wish to send for their friends can buy tickets here at these rates.
These Steamers have superior accommodations for passengers; are strongly built in water-tight iron sections, and carry Patent Fire Annihilators. Experienced Surgeons are attached to each Steamer.
For further information apply at Liverpool to WILLIAM INMAN, Agent, No. 22 Water-st.; in Glasgow to ALEX. MALCOLM, No. 5 St. Enoch-square; in Queenstown to C. & W. D. SEYMOUR & CO.; in London to EIVES & MACEY, No. 61 King William-st.; in Paris to JULES DECOUE, No. 48 Rue Notre Dame des Victoires, Place de la Bourse; in Philadelphia to JOHN G. DALE, No. 111 Walnut-st., or at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

THE NORTH GERMAN LLOYD'S STEAMships HANSA, H. J. VON SANDEN, Commander, carrying the United States Mail, will sail from Pier No. 38 North River, foot of Chambers-st., on
SATURDAY, DEC. 20, AT 12 O'CLOCK M.,
FOR
BREMEN, VIA SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN,
taking passengers at
LONDON PRICES, SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN,
at the following rates:
For the first cabin, $150; second cabin, $80; steerage, $45.
For freight or passage, apply to
OELRICHS & CO., No. 65 Broad-st.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.—THE NEW AND splendid United States Mail side-wheel steamship
EAGLE,
R. ADAMS, United States Navy, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4, North River, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17, at 12 o'clock, noon, precisely, for Havana direct.
All letters must pass through the Post-office. No Bills of Lading signed on the day of sailing.
For freight or passage, apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., No. 99 Broadway.

AUSTRALIA—KANGAROO LINE.—FOR MELBOURNE.—The splendid first-class, three-deck ship CAROLUS MAGNUS, 2,000 tons burden, will have the usual prompt despatch of this popular line for Melbourne direct. This magnificent ship is the largest and finest vessel ever sent to Australia. Early application must be made to secure freight or passage. Apply to or address MAILLER, LORD & QUEREAU, No. 188 Wall-st. LORD & CO. consignees at Melbourne.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.—THE Fast Sailing and Powerful Steamer Star of the Union, Capt. Lee Missouring, will sail for the above ports, from the Company's Wharf, at Jersey City, on TUESDAY, Dec. 9, and TUESDAY, Jan. 6, 1863.
Passage money to Nassau $20 00
Passage money to Havana 30 00
For Freight or Passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling Green.

FOR NICARAGUA, C. A.—THE CENTRAL AMERICAN TRANSIT COMPANY will dispatch a regular monthly line of freight vessels for San Juan del Norte (Greytown.) The schooner GEORGE E. ADAMS, Capt. D. R. Fiske, will leave on or about the 10th of December next. For freight, apply to JOHN E. BODY, No. 87 Exchange-place.

STEAMBOATS.

NEW-YORK AND MONTREAL NIGHT LINE.
The most expeditious and reliable Steamer and Railroad Transportation Line from New-York to Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Ogdensburgh, Montreal and all intermediate towns, by New-Haven steamers, Pier No. 22 East River, South-st., New-York. FRANCIS HYDE, Agent.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD.—Steamer ELM CITY leaves Peck-slip at 3:15 P. M. Train leaves New-Haven, going north, at 11 o'clock P. M. NIGHT LINE.—The TRAVELER leaves for New-Haven (Sundays excepted) at 11 o'clock P. M.

AMUSEMENTS.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Doors open at 7½. Begin at 8 o'clock, before 12.
TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY)
The eminent Comedy by Colman, the elder, with Sacred and highly successful distribution,
THE JEALOUS WIFE.
Mr. Oakly ..... Mr. Charles Fisher
Beverly ..... Mr. John Gilbert
Charles Oakly ..... Mr. Reynolds
Sir Harry Beverley ..... Mr. Mark Smith
Sir Harry Beverley ..... Mr. Young
Capt. O'Cutter ..... Mr. Norton
Williams ..... Mr. Parsloe
Davis ..... Mr. Fisher
Mrs. Oakly ..... Mrs. Hoey
Lady Freelove ..... Miss Fanny Morton
Harriet ..... Miss Madeline Henrques
Tolle ..... Mrs. Rogers
Chambermaid ..... Miss Carman
THURSDAY—SPEED THE PLOUGH.
FRIDAY—Mr. Lester Wallack's very attractive comedy drama, CENTRAL PARK.
SATURDAY—A BACHELOR OF ARTS.
MONDAY—By special desire and request, WILD OATS.
TUESDAY—Congreve's LOVE FOR LOVE, As revised, adapted and arranged by MR. WALLACK.
In preparation—"The Way to Get Married," "Pauline and Henriette," "Room Friends," "Money," "The Clandestine Marriage," and "Love and Money" will be repeated.

WINTER GARDEN.
The management respectfully announces that, in consequence of the crowded state of the house to witness the artistic performances of
MR. and MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS,
No applications for the gift of seats or private boxes can be attended to.
On this evening, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10,
MR. and MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS
Will appear in
FIFTEEN DIFFERENT CHARACTERS.
The performance will open with the popular drama of
BORN TO GOOD LUCK,
Paddy O'Rafferty, with songs ..... Mr. Barney Williams
After which the celebrated previous drama of
AN HOUR IN SEVILLE,
Received the last two evenings with unbounded expressions of delight,
MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS
IN
SEVEN DIFFERENT CHARACTERS,
As performed by her

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Important Matters Under Discussion in Congress.

The Question of Arbitrary Arrests in the Senate.

The Admission of Western Virginia as a State in the House.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The time of both Houses of Congress to-day was occupied in debate—in the Senate, of Mr. SAULSBURY's resolution calling for information on the subject of arbitrary arrests, which will probably be unanimously adopted; and passed, not in the House, on the bill admitting Western Virginia, which is expected to pass by a small majority.

A VISIT TO THE BRAZILIAN FRIGATE.

The President, Secretary of War, and the Brazilian Minister, to-day visited the Brazilian frigate *Paranagua*, now lying off Green's Wharf. A collation was spread on board, and congratulations exchanged, with mutual expressions of national good-will.

GEN. FRANKLIN.

Gen. FRANKLIN had an interview to-day with the Secretary of War and Gen. HALLECK, in relation, it is said, to the apportionment of troops in the several Grand Divisions, and will to-morrow morning return to his command.

THE INDIAN EXECUTIONS.

In an interview last evening between Indian Commissioner DOLE and the President, the former learned that the synopsis of the evidence upon which the Indians were convicted and been carefully considered, and orders issued for the execution of forty of the most guilty, to take place on the 19th inst. The President's decision is reserved in regard to the rest of the Indians convicted, who, for the present, remain where they are. It is certain, however, that the wholesale execution expressed by the Minnesota Congressional delegation will not be permitted to take place.

GEN. SCHENCK.

Gen. SCHENCK left this evening for Philadelphia. He is still suffering from the effects of his wound, and it will be some time before he can assume the command to which he has been assigned in Baltimore.

SICK SOLDIERS.

About a hundred sick soldiers arrived to-day from Gen. Banks's army.

GEN. MACCLELLAN.

Gen. McCLELLAN testified to-day before the McDowell Court of Inquiry and will remain in this city several days.

GEN. EVACUATION.

We learn from Fairfax County Home that considerable repair is going on there by the rebels of Wheelinghites Gen. Stuart and other cavalry, who are by.

FRAUDS IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon-General HAMMOND left here to-day to investigate the alleged frauds in the Medical Purveying Department, and personally inspect the hospitals.

An investigation is going on in Philadelphia into the operations of the Medical Purveying Department in that city. The Surgeon-General, some days since, examining from strong evidences that all was not right there, sent Medical-Inspector PEALER to inquire into the condition of affairs. This officer obtained ample evidence that the Purveyor had been guilty, to use a mild term, of very dishonest and dishonorable practices. The Purveyor, who is a Surgeon in the regular army, has been relieved from duty, and his books and accounts seized by the Judge-Advocate. Surgeon EDWARD MURRAY has been detailed in his place. The operations of the Purveying Department in Philadelphia, in consequence of this discovery of frauds, have been temporarily suspended, but will soon be resumed again.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.

Yesterday, for the first time, artificial legs were distributed among the soldiers who have lost their pedal extremities in the service of their country. These patients are now all congregated in one hospital—the St. Elizabeth—on the Eastern Branch, nearly opposite the Navy-yard. The soldiers were much pleased with the new aids to locomotion, and many amusing scenes occurred among them while trying on the artificial legs. The first individual who tried one was hastily chased by his companions as he paraded through the wards of the hospital. All the patients will be supplied in the course of a few days.

No artificial arm and hand have as yet been adopted by the Medical Department.

INQUIRY IN REGARD TO MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Senator NESMITH, of Oregon, on Monday introduced the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate the number, names and rank of the additional Aide-de-Camp appointed under the provisions of the act of Congress of August 6, 1861; also, the number, names and rank of the additional Aide-de-Camp who are now drawing pay from the Government, and not employed in actual service.

INVESTIGATION OF NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following resolution was introduced by Senator McDOUGALL, of California, on Monday:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to inform the Senate if any Commissioned Officer in the Naval Service has more than two Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, and if so, by what law they have been appointed, and how many districts have such appointments, and if so, by what authorities have been recommended.

LEGISLATION FOR MISSOURI.

Senator WILSON, of Missouri, yesterday introduced the following:

Resolved, That the Military Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of providing by law for effectually suppressing the rebellion and securing domestic tranquility in the State of Missouri.

NUMBER OF INVALIDS.

The statement, published in several newspapers, that there are upwards of 25,000 sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals in this city and vicinity, is exaggerated. The number, including about 3,000 at Fredericksburg and Harper's Ferry, will not exceed 15,000. The total number of patients in the different General Hospitals in the country is about 50,000.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

AMENDMENT OF THE REVENUE LAW.

The bill which passed the House to-day, amendatory of the act to provide Internal Revenue, to support the Government and pay the interest on the public debt, approved July 1, 1862, authorizes the Assessors, and Collectors, and Assistants, and Deputies, to administer oaths and affirmations in all cases where they are required, but no fees are to be charged or allowed therefor.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is authorized to furnish to the Assistant Treasurers or Collectors of the United States at San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, with adhesive stamps or stamped paper, vellum or parchment, according to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Laws under such regulations and conditions, *He may, from time to time prescribe*, and without requiring payment in advance thereof, provided no greater commission shall be allowed than is now *provided by law*.

Any stamp appropriated to denote the duty charged on any particular instrument, and bearing the name of such instrument on the face thereof, which may have been used, or which shall hereafter be used for denoting any other duty of the same amount, shall be deemed and taken to be good and valid, provided the provisions of this section shall not apply to any stamp appropriated to denote the duty charged on proprietary articles. All instruments, documents and papers subject to duty, used by the officers of the United States Government, where the United States would be chargeable with the duty or stamp thereon, and all instruments, documents and papers of the Executive Department of the several States subject to duty, whereon the State would be chargeable with the duty and stamp thereon, and also all instruments, documents and papers relating to the procurement of bounty land and other bounties, pensions and orders of pay, by or for officers, soldiers and seamen, or other legal representatives, who have been or may be in the service of the United States, are exempt from duty.

The ninety-fifth section of the Internal Revenue act of July 1, 1862, is so amended that no instrument, document or paper made, signed or issued prior to the 1st of March, 1863, without being duly stamped or having thereon an adhesive stamp to denote the duty imposed thereon, shall, for that cause, be deemed invalid and of no effect; provided that section twenty-four of the act entitled, "An act increasing temporarily the duties on imports, and for other purposes," approved July 14, 1862, is hereby repealed.

All goods, wares and merchandise, or articles produced or made and finished ready for sale and removed for consumption prior to the 1st day of September, 1862, whether actually removed or not from the place of manufacture, shall be and hereby are exempt from duty, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the Assessor of the District wherein shall hear and determine the same, that they were so made and finished ready for sale and removed for consumption, and where any duties shall have been assessed and collected upon such goods, wares and merchandise, or articles so made and finished as aforesaid, the same shall be and hereby are remitted, and if actually collected, refunded by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue under such regulations as he may prescribe.

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INTEREST ON THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The bill introduced by Representative STEVENS yesterday, providing revenue for the support of the Government, contemplates no change whatever in relation to the payment of interest on the public debt already created, or the Custom-house rates now outstanding.

NEGRO COLONIZATION.

The recently-published foreign correspondence shows that our Government proposed the voluntary colonization of Americans of African descent in the British Colonies, but Earl RUSSELL declined the proposition.

Gen. WEBB, Minister to Brazil, has been exerting himself to effect a treaty by which all the freed negroes of our country shall be transplanted to the regions of the Amazon, at the expense of the United States, and there endowed with land gratuitously by Brazil, and, at the expiration of a term of years, become citizens of Brazil with all the rights and privileges of the free negro population of the Empire, all of whom, by the Constitution, are the recognized equals of the white man, and equally eligible with him to the highest office of the Empire, and where already the social distinctions between the white and black races which once existed have been nearly eradicated.

As serious fears seemed to be entertained by the people of Nicaragua that the President intended expatriate a portion of our colored population to some part of Central America, our Minister to that country assures the Government that no such project will be attempted against the known wishes of the people of those States.

MR. STEVENS' BILL.

The Revenue Bill published this morning was not reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, as was erroneously stated, but was simply submitted by Representative STEVENS as an individual member on a call of the House. Neither the Secretary of the Treasury, nor the Committee, were consulted in regard to it.

MIDSHIPMEN.

Secretary WELLES, to-day, in response to the House resolutions, transmitted a list of Acting Midshipmen appointed during the recess of Congress, and considers they have been made by full authority of law, although the exigencies of the service and condition of the country would not permit a compliance with previous usage, nor, in all respects, with the letter of recent enactments, apparently restricting the power of appointments confided by previous laws. These appointments are seventy-six in number, viz.: Maine, one; New-Hampshire, four; Vermont, one; Massachusetts, thirteen; Rhode Island, three; Connecticut, five; New-York, sixteen; Pennsylvania, eleven; Delaware, two; Maryland, two; Ohio, two; Illinois, two; Iowa, six; Missouri, three; Virginia, one; District of Columbia, one; at large, one—a son of an officer.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Surgeon CHARLES MASON has been detached from the Naval Rendezvous at Boston, and ordered to the steam sloop *Sacramento*.

Surgeon JOHN RUDDERSHIN has been ordered to the Naval Rendezvous at Boston.

Surgeon D. KIRKBRIDER has been ordered to the steam sloop *Monongahela*.

F. T. MCINTIRE, of Pennsylvania has been appointed Acting-Assistant Paymaster in the Navy. He was recently employed as a telegraph operator at Washington.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, in answer to the resolution calling for information in relation to the sale of colored freemen captured by the rebels, etc.

The reply of Secretary Stanton states that "no information on the subject is in possession of the War Department."

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.,) presented a petition in favor of a General Bankrupt Act.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, (Union,) presented two petitions, protesting against the action of the Advisory Board of the Navy.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill for the relief of the owners of the French vessels *Jules et Marie*.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, (Rep.,) from the Committee on Printing, reported a bill to increase the bonds of the Superintendent of Printing.

Mr. HALE, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.,) introduced a bill to abolish the grade of medical officers in the service of the United States.

Mr. HALE said that nothing was worse managed than this so-called "medical service." He believed that one of the soldiers of his own State had been literally murdered by medical officers. He understood that many of these medical officers could not speak a word of English, but they put on shoulder-straps and went about exercising "military authority" instead of "medical skill." He (HALE) had also had detailed to him the circumstances of the death of Lieut.-Col. DWIGHT after the battle of Antietam, who, as he was dying, said to a medical officer: "My wounds are your protection."

The bill was referred to the Military Committee.

The resolution offered by Mr. SAULSBURY relative *to the arbitrary arrests of citizens of Delaware* was then taken up.

Mr. HALE said, the Senator from Delaware (BAYARD) yesterday referred to a proper division of power as being the hope of a free government, and he (HALE) was not willing to see the Senate undertake to interfere with other departments. If any citizens of Delaware had been aggrieved the Courts were still open, and he (HALE) believed that the writ of habeas corpus was not dead yet.

Mr. BAYARD asked if a case had not occurred in his (HALE's) own State where a person was arrested and the United States Marshal refused to deliver the man on a writ of habeas corpus.

Mr. HALE said he did not so understand it. He acknowledged that this was an embarrassing question, but thought it would be premature for the Senate to interfere. He moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, (Dem.,) said there was no such division of the Government power. The Judiciary was always the weakest. It was no military, no political power. The President has asserted the right to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, and he thought it proper for the Senate to inquire into the matter.

Mr. CLARK, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.,) said, in the case referred to in New-Hampshire, a Dr. BAXTER had put himself at the head of a band of men, and marching by the flag of his country shot a man, and afterward tore it down, and said that the Government of JEFF. DAVIS was a better Government to live under. And after that, when there was a meeting to raise volunteers, he went to the meeting and opposed it, and said two-thirds of the volunteers would be killed, and go to hell, and the town would do nothing for their families. This man was arrested and confined, and a writ of habeas corpus was issued, and the Marshal, taking advice from the Secretary of War and Judge-Advocate, refused to deliver him up. He (CLARK) went to the Chief Justice of the State and detailed the aggravated conduct of this man, and the Chief Justice dismissed the case.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, said, doubtless everybody regretted the necessity of making these arrests in this country. The President regretted it as much as anybody. He did not think any loyal man could charge the President with wantonly violating the rights of citizens. For a long time the leading traitors sat here, but no arrests were made. When they were commenced they were necessary, and the first arrest was for selling gun-caps to the enemy. He, for one, thanked the President for making these arrests. It was a powerful means of preserving the Government, and he hoped the President and his advisers would not shrink from arresting any man who shows probable cause of being in league with the rebels, and there never was a rebellion where so much consideration had been shown and so much humanity for wicked traitors.

Mr. SAULSBURY, of Delaware, (Dem.,) did not doubt that there were arrests made which were justifiable. But these men were citizens of Delaware, whose loyalty had never been questioned, and they were arrested by persons from Maryland. All they asked was, by what authority these men from Maryland dragged peaceful citizens from the loyal State of Delaware.

The motion to lay on the table was disagreed to by a vote of 3 yeas to 40 nays.

Mr. FESSENDEN said he should vote against the resolution. He was of the opinion that the President had the right to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*. The framers of the Constitution evidently provided that the *habeas corpus* might be suspended in times of insurrection and invasion, and he thought it was clearly an Executive act. He was of the opinion that if any complaint was to be made, it was that the Government has been too lenient with traitors. He knew nothing about these citizens of Delaware, and was glad if there were none but loyal men in that State.

Mr. BAYARD continued at some length, saying the power to suspend the writ of habeas corpus was not an Executive act. If this was admitted, and the legislative power had no right to inquire, then the President might imprison men, or torture them, or do as he pleased with them.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.,) favored the adoption of all these resolutions of inquiry, which were offered in good faith. He believed that the right to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* was purely a legislative power, and it could only be done by Congress. But since the legislation of last Congress the President has had the power given to him. He thought many of these arrests were great mistakes; and every arrest ought to be reported to Congress, and the reasons for it. If this power was unlimited, the Government would become oppressive. Congress should throw around the suspension of the writ all the guards and checks necessary to preserve the rights of citizens and the character of the Government. The people have been exasperated at the manner of these arrests and discharges, and it was due to the country and justice that no man should be arrested for light cause, and then the causes and charges should be properly explained and set forth that they may be known. And Congress had a perfect right to call for all information, that they may go before the people and be able to explain and defend all these arrests.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Rep.,) said as he could not see any practicable benefit to be attained in passing these resolutions, he was inclined to vote against them. He thought these arrests had been unfortunate and impolitic. Judges and Courts and commentators have held that the power of suspending the writ of habeas corpus was a legislative power. It is not from any sympathy with traitors that there is great feeling on this subject; but because it is feared that this is an exercise of an unnecessary and arbitrary power. And he said say to his friend from Massachusetts, (WILSON,) who gloried in these arrests, that there was very great danger in them. There was a bill now here from the House relative to this very subject, and he was in favor of acting upon that as a practical measure.

Mr. POWELL, of Kentucky, (Union,) contended that the President had no right to make these arrests, or to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, and doing so was usurpation.

Mr. FESSENDEN would like to ask the Senator, if he was at the head of the Government, and was satisfied in his own mind that an individual, in a time like this, was about to commit a crime, the consequence of which would be exceedingly injurious to the Government, and would strengthen the arms of rebellion, and there was no other way to prevent it, would he not arrest that individual without law, and hold him by the strong hand?

Mr. POWELL—If the individual were acting as a spy, he would be infracting the laws of war. I should have him arrested, and punished by these laws. But if he was a private citizen, and had infracted the laws, I would arrest him, and hand him over to the civil authorities, and if there was no law for the offence, I, as an honest man, would have to let him go; for I should have sworn faithfully to execute the laws.

Mr. FESSENDEN repeated the question.

Mr. POWELL—If I was President—which is not a supposable case—I would do nothing to violate the Constitution and laws of the country. If I thought that a party was about to do anything wrong, I would have him placed under bonds for good behavior, and if there was no law, I should have a watch placed upon him to prevent his doing harm; and at the next session of Congress, I would try to have the proper law passed.

Mr. FESSENDEN—The Senator forgets one clause of my question—that was, if there were no other way to prevent it.

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Mr. COLLAMER, of Vermont, (Rep.)—When the Constitution provides that the writ of *habeas corpus* may be suspended, does it not of necessity imply that a man may be arrested unlawfully?

Mr. POWELL—The suspension only deprives him of the great remedial right of taking him out.

Mr. COLLAMER—You never try a party for guilt or innocence on a question of *habeas corpus*.

Mr. POWELL—We know that it does not. It provides that a Judge shall inquire into the cause of the arrest. But does the suspension of this writ ever authorize the President to make arrests and imprison any man?

Mr. COLLAMER—The only question the Court can entertain is whether the process by which the man was imprisoned was a legal one. If this writ is suspended pursuant to the Constitution, it implies that a man may be imprisoned unlawfully.

Mr. POWELL replied, and contended that the people had decided that these arrests had ceased. The recent elections showed this.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, claimed that no such question was settled by the elections. The only thing settled was that the Republican party could not raise men enough to send to the field to whip Southern traitors, and still have men enough at home to vote down Northern Democrats. That was all that was settled. In the Iowa regiments, 14,000 men voted for the Administration, and 4,000 against it; and there was about the same proportion in the Wisconsin regiments. He thought that four-fifths of the men who were fighting the battles of the country, would vote to support the President. He was for exerting every effort to put down rebellion, and to crush out traitors everywhere.

Mr. NESMITH, of Oregon, (Dem.,) would vote for the resolution. But still he thought there were cases where these arrests ought to be made. He would do anything and everything to put down traitors everywhere. He related a case where a man, getting leave of absence from the rebel army, actually came to Washington, and got from the Treasury money for a claim which he had upon the Government before the rebellion.

Mr. DOOLITTLE contended that there was no oppression on the part of the Government, where a man was arrested upon suspicion, and was offered his liberty if he would take the oath of allegiance. It could be no oppression to a loyal man to take such an oath. We are in a state of war, and the President must take energetic measures to preserve this Government; and the people are determined, in spite of treason in the South or North, and in spite of all intervention from any quarter, that this Government shall live and not die.

Pending the question the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Senate bill for the admission of the State of Western Virginia into the Union.

Mr. CONWAY had no objection to the admission of this State on the ground of the character of the people, as they are thoroughly loyal. They are opposed *to Slavery, and would make a prosperous and* peaceful State. He would be most happy to vote for admission, if the application come in the proper and constitutional form. He wished that a Territorial Government had been organized there at the commencement of the rebellion. Any enabling act could have been passed, and the State admitted in a month unobjectionable. This bill was not so much for the admission of a new State as it was for the division of an old one. But to this he would have no objection, were the matters presented in a proper form. The Constitution of the United States says that no new State shall be formed out of another, unless with the consent of the Legislature of the first. While he was willing to palliate at any time a construction of the Constitution to beneficial ends, he could not, however, violate a Constitutional and fundamental principle. He did not regard the proposition, as now presented, as having received the assent required by the Constitution. It was not a lawful State. He believed it was the intention of the President to encourage State organizations in all the seceded States. But placing the assumption of the State power in the hands of a few individuals appointed by the President was of a flagrant and unconstitutional character. The scheme was revolutionary, and ought to be exposed to the reprobation of every loyal citizen. It would be an utter perversion of our system. It would, in effect, concentrate all the power of the Government in the hands of the Executive. He said, after further argument, that the seceded States were out of the Union. They were in the position of a foreign Power. We should hold them as common territory whenever and wherever our armies occupy them.

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Mr. WICKLIFFE—You speak about repopulating Virginia. What would you do with the people? Would you exterminate, kill, or make slaves of them?

Mr. EDWARDS—If necessary, I would exterminate that whole people in order to preserve the integrity of the Union. I should go for that.

Mr. WICKLIFFE asked: Women and children?

Mr. EDWARDS—No; they are not found in arms.

(This unintentional pun gave rise to general laughter.)

They are entitled to the protection and defence of every civilized people of the world.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (Union) spoke of his finding patriotic loyal people in Western Virginia begging to be disenthralled and relieved from the dead carcass of Eastern Virginia. It would be unjust to keep them waiting until our army should compel the other portion of the State to obedience.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Rep.) said it was mockery to hold that the Legislature of Virginia had ever assented to the new States. According to his principles he could vote for the bill on the ground that the revolutionary States, being belligerents, were not entitled to the privileges of the Constitution. With his consent the Union could never be restored as it was under the Constitution as it is with slavery.

Without concluding the question the House adjourned.

THE M'DOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

Testimony of Gen. McClellan.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The Court of Inquiry in the case of Gen. McDowell met at 11 o'clock to-day.

The examination of Mr. Peleg Clark was continued, but no new facts were elicited.

About 2½ P. M., Gen. McClellan arrived, and testified as follows. The questions were put by Gen. McDowell.

Q.—I desire Gen. McClellan to inform the Court, as fully and distinctly as he can, on the following heads: First, as to Gen. McDowell's conduct whilst in command of a division in the Army of the Potomac. Second, as to Gen. McDowell's conduct whilst in command of the first army corps, Army of the Potomac. Third, as to Gen. McClellan's conduct, so far as it bears on his plans and operations, whilst he was in command of the Department of the Rappahannock.

A.—I will say, in regard to the first question, that the conduct of Gen. McDowell, as a division commander, was entirely satisfactory. His Division was in excellent condition, and all that I could wish. While Gen. McDowell was in command of the First Army Corps, prior to the movements upon the Peninsula, I received the fullest cooperation at his hands, in preparing the plans and arranging for the movement generally. In fact, he frequently, at my request, went beyond his strict duties as a corps commander, to facilitate preparations. I do not know that I can make a fuller statement. What I wish to convey is the idea that I received at the hands of Gen. McDowell the fullest and most cordial cooperation in the preparations for the Peninsular campaign. I know nothing personally of Gen. McDowell's conduct while in command of the Department of the Rappahannock, except that I received two telegrams from him about the 20th of *May, the first informing me* that he would by a certain date move to my *assistance*; the *other*, that some unlooked-for circumstance had caused the delay of a few days in his preparation. I do not know officially, but have every reason to be morally certain, that his failure to advance to my assistance at that time was owing to circumstances beyond his control. Any other troops would have been present, and the State admitted in a month unobjectionable. This bill was not so much for the admission of a new State as it was for the division of an old one. But to this he would have no objection, were the matters presented in a proper form. The Constitution of the United States says that no new State shall be formed out of another, unless with the consent of the Legislature of the first. While he was willing to palliate at any time a construction of the Constitution to beneficial ends, he could not, however, violate a Constitutional and fundamental principle. He did not regard the proposition, as now presented, as having received the assent required by the Constitution. It was not a lawful State. He believed it was the intention of the President to encourage State organizations in all the seceded States. But placing the assumption of the State power in the hands of a few individuals appointed by the President was of a flagrant and unconstitutional character. The scheme was revolutionary, and ought to be exposed to the reprobation of every loyal citizen. It would be an utter perversion of our system. It would, in effect, concentrate all the power of the Government in the hands of the Executive. He said, after further argument, that the seceded States were out of the Union. They were in the position of a foreign Power. We should hold them as common territory whenever and wherever our armies occupy them.

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Mr. CRITTENDEN, of Kentucky, (Union,) appreciated the patriotism and valor of the people of Western Virginia, and the desire which they express to become a free people. But in this matter he was not governed by feeling, but the principles of constitutional law. Congress could not admit a new State out of the ancient territory without the assent of the old Commonwealth, and this had not been given. If States could be made in the method proposed, new ones could be made at pleasure, irrespective of the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. EDWARDS, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.,) explained his reasons for supporting the bill. He believed it would have a tendency to break the power of the rebellion in Virginia, and, besides, there was no legal Legislature or sovereignty in Virginia at the time the people of Western Virginia took measures to form a separate organization. He would sustain the loyal people. If there was no other way, he would cleave the rebellious portions, hold them as territory and repopulate them.

Mr. WICKLIFFE—You speak about repopulating Virginia. What would you do with the people? Would you exterminate, kill, or make slaves of them?

Mr. EDWARDS—If necessary, I would exterminate that whole people in order to preserve the integrity of the Union. I should go for that.

Mr. WICKLIFFE asked: Women and children?

Mr. EDWARDS—No; they are not found in arms.

(This unintentional pun gave rise to general laughter.)

They are entitled to the protection and defence of every civilized people of the world.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (Union) spoke of his finding patriotic loyal people in Western Virginia begging to be disenthralled and relieved from the dead carcass of Eastern Virginia. It would be unjust to keep them waiting until our army should compel the other portion of the State to obedience.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Rep.) said it was mockery to hold that the Legislature of Virginia had ever assented to the new States. According to his principles he could vote for the bill on the ground that the revolutionary States, being belligerents, were not entitled to the privileges of the Constitution. With his consent the Union could never be restored as it was under the Constitution as it is with slavery.

Without concluding the question the House adjourned.

THE M'DOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

Testimony of Gen. McClellan.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The Court of Inquiry in the case of Gen. McDowell met at 11 o'clock to-day.

The examination of Mr. Peleg Clark was continued, but no new facts were elicited.

About 2½ P. M., Gen. McClellan arrived, and testified as follows. The questions were put by Gen. McDowell.

Q.—I desire Gen. McClellan to inform the Court, as fully and distinctly as he can, on the following heads: First, as to Gen. McDowell's conduct whilst in command of a division in the Army of the Potomac. Second, as to Gen. McDowell's conduct whilst in command of the first army corps, Army of the Potomac. Third, as to Gen. McClellan's conduct, so far as it bears on his plans and operations, whilst he was in command of the Department of the Rappahannock.

A.—I will say, in regard to the first question, that the conduct of Gen. McDowell, as a division commander, was entirely satisfactory. His Division was in excellent condition, and all that I could wish. While Gen. McDowell was in command of the First Army Corps, prior to the movements upon the Peninsula, I received the fullest cooperation at his hands, in preparing the plans and arranging for the movement generally. In fact, he frequently, at my request, went beyond his strict duties as a corps commander, to facilitate preparations. I do not know that I can make a fuller statement. What I wish to convey is the idea that I received at the hands of Gen. McDowell the fullest and most cordial cooperation in the preparations for the Peninsular campaign. I know nothing personally of Gen. McDowell's conduct while in command of the Department of the Rappahannock, except that I received two telegrams from him about the 20th of *May, the first informing me* that he would by a certain date move to my *assistance*; the *other*, that some unlooked-for circumstance had caused the delay of a few days in his preparation. I do not know officially, but have every reason to be morally certain, that his failure to advance to my assistance at that time was owing to circumstances beyond his control. Any other troops would have been present, and the State admitted in a month unobjectionable. This bill was not so much for the admission of a new State as it was for the division of an old one. But to this he would have no objection, were the matters presented in a proper form. The Constitution of the United States says that no new State shall be formed out of another, unless with the consent of the Legislature of the first. While he was willing to palliate at any time a construction of the Constitution to beneficial ends, he could not, however, violate a Constitutional and fundamental principle. He did not regard the proposition, as now presented, as having received the assent required by the Constitution. It was not a lawful State. He believed it was the intention of the President to encourage State organizations in all the seceded States. But placing the assumption of the State power in the hands of a few individuals appointed by the President was of a flagrant and unconstitutional character. The scheme was revolutionary, and ought to be exposed to the reprobation of every loyal citizen. It would be an utter perversion of our system. It would, in effect, concentrate all the power of the Government in the hands of the Executive. He said, after further argument, that the seceded States were out of the Union. They were in the position of a foreign Power. We should hold them as common territory whenever and wherever our armies occupy them.

Mr. BROWN, of Virginia, (Union,) replied, arguing that the erection of the State of Western Virginia was perfectly lawful and constitutional. The provision of the Constitution with regard to the admission or erection of new States, had been complied with. And in this connection he quoted as similar the proceedings of the act admitting Kentucky, which was formed from part of Virginia. The President had recognized the Wheeling Government, and this portion of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, which the old State had heretofore refused, had been paid to the new States. The precedents, he insisted, supported the new State organization. He was surprised that the gentleman from Kansas recognized the right of States to secede. It was not in the power of a State to secede, and he (Brown) denied that any State was out of the Union. The President was right in the position he had taken, and in his efforts to restore the Union, and bring them back to their allegiance.

Mr. MALLORY, of Kentucky (Union,) wanted to know whether the Legislature which had given assent to the division was not composed only of those upon whom the new Constitution was to operate.